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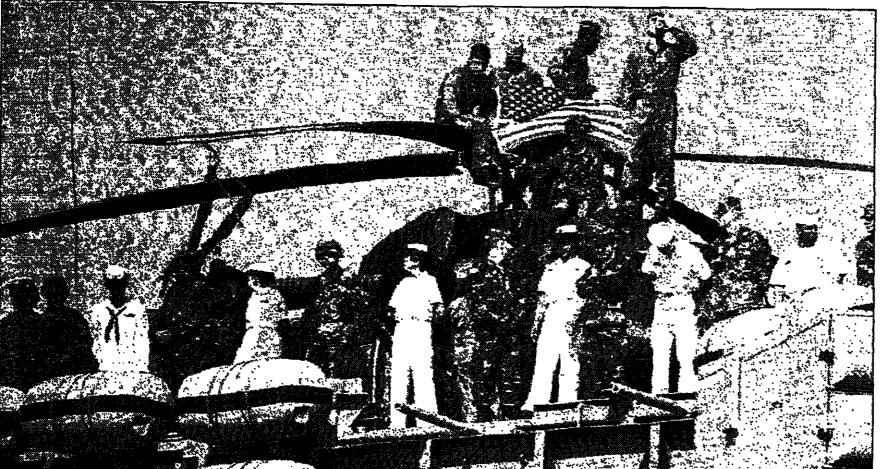
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40 Years Later, Russia Recalls Barbaric' A-Test

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service

TOTSK, Russia - Forty years ago this week, a Soviet warplane bombed this area in the southern Urals with an atomic weapon more powerful than the one that had flattened Hiroshima.

Nikolai Levonov, who had been evacnated from his farming village a few miles from the center of the target zone, returned the next day to find his house flattened and his tomatoes turned from green to red. Mr. Levonov, now 68, set about rebuilding his house. He also ate the tomatoes.

The nuclear explosion of Sept. 14, 1954, was intended to test whether soldiers could fight in conditions of nuclear war, a Russian Army colonel, Alexander Vasiakin, 39, explained during a recent tour of the site. About 44,000 Soviet troops were deployed in 225 kilometers (140 miles) of trenches that had been dug for the test. Within minutes of the 9:33 A.M. explosion, they were ordered into the atomic inferno.

After the test, Colonel Vasiakin recounted, the soldiers were told to wash, but there was not enough water to go around. They were also encouraged to destroy their clothing, but many refused to give up the leather belts they had been ven for the occasion. Many may have ied as a result, he said.

The Soviet leadership - including Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, who watched from an observation tower to the south with defense ministers from China, Poland and Yugoslavia — con-cluded that soldiers could, in fact, fight through a nuclear battle.

"They had a list of 100 cities which the Americans were preparing to hit with three bombs each," Colonel Vasiakin said. "Naturally, we were preparing for

Early in the atomic era and at the height of the Cold War, both the United States and the Soviet Union put servicemen and civilians in nuclear harm's way, and both governments were reluctant to acknowledge the consequences or com-pensate the victims afterward. In Russia, totalitarian secrecy and people's fear of speaking out kept the Totsk test entirely hidden until just a few years ago.

Last week, Defense Minister Pave! S.

Grachev, visiting the Totsk testing range to inspect the first U.S. Russian joint exercises here, condemned the test as "barbaric" and "monstrous." But even so, a 74-year-old survivor, who has suffered from skin cancer and other diseases she attributes to the blast, refused to give her name, "I had to swear an oath that I would

never discuss it, for the rest of my life,"

Because the Soviets apparently conducted no comprehensive medical studies, it is impossible to say how many soldiers and civilians died because of exposure to radioactivity. Regional offi-cials recently reported that the incidence

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Settler Arrests Raise Specter of Jewish Terrorist Network

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

KIRYAT ARBA, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — Although they are skimpy with details, the Israeli authorities suggest that a terrorist network of rabidly anti-Arab Jews has sprouted, with roots in this militant settlement on the outskirts of He-

Eight or nine men have been arrested in recent days, including two young army officers, and government officials say that some were caught "at the last minute" as they were about to go out and kill Palestin-

In Kiryat Arba, home to most of the

suspects, residents wave off the allegations as baseless, calling them part of a cam-paign by the Labor-led government to delegitimize all settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to depict them as wild-eyed radicals out to block peace with the Arabs.

If anything, they say, the real victims are the arrested men. Some, they insist, were hooded, beaten and otherwise tortured in rat-infested cells by security agents, charges found to be baseless by a special investigator from the attorney general's

Whatever the suspects' physical condi-tion, there is no question that they are not being allowed to see their lawyers.

ing the best jobs and forcing unemployed youth to turn to crime. The animosity by

the Tibetans, in turn, is making longtime

Chinese residents feel more bitter and frus-

settled Chinese residents never wanted to be in Tibet. The Chinese government

forced them, decades ago, to work in the government and serve in the army in order

The friction is driving the two groups further apart at a time when cooperation between them is critical if Tibet, for centu-

ries ruled by a theocracy of Buddhist no-bles and monks, does not want to fall even

to consolidate Beijing's rule.

Unlike the newcomers, many of these

It is a familiar practice in Israel, defended by the security service known as Shin Bet as essential to keeping sensitive investigations from being compromised. But it has produced charges from both settler leaders and Israeli civil-rights groups - not usually political bedfellows - that the government is trampling dangerously on human rights.

The case has touched several basic issues for Israelis, especially for settlers in the territories who feel alienated from a central government denounced by the more militant among them as a bigger enemy

than the Arabs. Allegations of Shin Bet torture are hardly new, having filled countless human rights reports, here and abroad. What is new is that some of the same political figures who used to dismiss those charges when the supposed victims were Palestinians are protesting now that the targets are fellow Israelis.

The arrests also raise questions about the possible rise of a new "Jewish underground," armed radicals intent on killing Arabs as a counterpoint to Palestinian extremists who have murdered Jews in growing numbers despite the peace agreement signed a year ago by Israel and the

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Leave Now,' Clinton Warns Haiti Leaders, 'Or We'll Force You' Td Rather Die,' Reserve Call-Up Cédras Affirms Is Authorized

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's military rulers stood their ground on Thursday and refused to yield power de-spite President Bill Clinton's warning of an impending invasion and the appearance of

a U.S. fleet offshore. "I would rather die, and if I die in the next few hours or next few days, that would be better than leaving my country in dishonor and leaving my children with a dishonorable name," said Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras, the Haitian military

But President Clinton has said that United States has a moral obligation to intervene to halt human rights abuses in Haiti, which he said had become a killing field under the Cedras government.

Two more U.S. warships steamed into Port-au-Prince harbor on Thursday. The capital was calm despite a report by the president of the Haitian Senate, Bernard Sandaricq, of "panic on the streets."

People went about their affairs, although some gathered at the dock to gaze

at the U.S. warships off the coast. The Pentagon activated 1,600 reservists. Defense Secretary William J. Perry said those called up included military police and medical personnel.

"I hope the invasion will not be necessary," Mr. Perry said. "I hope that simply the preparations for the invasion will focus the attention, will focus the thinking of the military regime there on what the clear alternatives are."

A total of 5,800 U.S. Army and Marine troops were deployed aboard ships off the Haitian coast on Thursday or were due to arrive by Sunday. At least 18 U.S. warships were on station or en route and another 14 cargo ships were being loaded with tanks and other military equipment at U.S.

General Cédras predicted that a civil war would follow any invasion.

In a CBS News interview, he said that he believed the ousted president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was antimean and a demagogue and that Pre ident Clinton had been misinformed,

"I'm not interested in any buyout," General Cedras said. "I'm not interested in any comfortable life in exile. I am very interested in the future of Haiti, the future of democratic institutions in Haiti."

The New York Times, quoting senior U.S. officials, said Mr. Clinton had authorized efforts to persuade General Cedras and two other leaders of the September 1991 coup to step down by offering them a "golden" exile.

"Whatever happens to me," General Cedras said, "if there's a U.S. invasion, there's going to be a long, extended civil war and bloodbath." Mr. Sansaricq, a friend of the govern-

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WASHINGTON - In a final warning before an American military invasion, President Bill Clinton bluntly told Haiti's military leaders Thursday night: "Your time is up. Leave now or we will force you from power."

Building his case for an invasion against a chorus of opposition, Mr. Clinton issued his warning in a speech prepared for delivery from the Oval Office.

In Washington and in the Caribbean, every sign pointed to an imminent invasion. Twenty American warships ominouslv shadowed Haiti's coast, and two troopladen aircraft carriers were on the way. expected to be on station by the weekend.

Mr. Clinton signed an executive order authorizing the callup of 1,600 reservists to support the 20,000-person invasion force.

In his remarks — excerpts of which were released in advance — Mr. Clinton sought to explain why American lives should be risked to restore the deposed Haitian president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, after three years in exile, Mr. Clinton said there were widespread human rights abuses under the military regime, threatening to provoke another outpouring of refu-

He said Father Aristide had pledged to step down when his term expires in Febru-

Douglas Jehl of The New York Times reported earlier from Washington:

Aides to Mr. Clinton said he recognized that his address Thursday night might not change many minds about an invasion that, according to polls, two-thirds of the American public regards as unwise.

But he has decided that his 20-month standoff with Haiti's junta must not continue, they said. He hoped the majesty of his office would persuade the junta that he means what he says and would persuade Congress not to stand in the way.

The administration apparently failed to Democrats who were the most vocal proponents of an invasion would remain at odds with mainstream Democrats as well as Republicans. And officials said they had underestimated the opposition from groups like the American Legion.

"Could more have been done to condition the public?" a senior administration official asked. "Yes, but we were also heavily involved in health care and crime and Cuba and a lot of other issues. Now we have a clear field of vision."

Mr. Clinton's aides remain skeptical that anything short of force can push the Haitian leaders from power. But as the White House stepped up the tempo of its warnings, saying the time for the junta was

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Influx of Chinese Workers Heightens Tension in Tibet

By Lena H. Sun

Washington Past Service

LHASA, Tibet — Tibet's largest covered market is crammed with a wealth of goods unimaginable a decade ago. There are pigs' feet, frozen ducks and fresh vegetables galore: piles of sleek eggplant, gleaming chili peppers and thick bunches of Chinese string beans. As shoppers make their purchases, one

thing is striking. All of the vendors are ethnic Chinese. The only Tibetan among them is an old woman, bent double, stuffing discarded turnip peelings into a hemp bag to feed her cows. For Tibetans in this Himalayan region, the pecking order at the market is the result of an economic invasion by Chinese

entrepreneurs. But while their presence has

boosted commerce, it has soured race rela-The resentment and bitterness sparked by the arrival of the Chinese traders represent a rise in the ethnic tensions that have troubled Tibet since its annexation by Chi-

na 44 years ago. na 44 years ago.

If Chinese authorities "are perceived as not taking this seriously, they could be in for some serious trouble," a Western analyst said. "People could start to do some nasty things."

The foot soldiers of the invasion are restaurateurs from Sichuan, cabinetmakers from Zhejiang, even pickled-cabbage

vendors from distant Liaoning. Tibetans say the latest arrivals are tak-

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more behind the rest of China, officials say.

"Relations in general are tense right now because of job resentment," said one young Tibetan intellectual. "Just look anvwhere on the street. The Chinese take all

the construction jobs. All the shoemakers you see on the sidewalk are from Zhejiang," a province on China's eastern Some Chinese say Tibetans have reacted

by becoming prouder, more sensitive and fiercer about their traditions. And that has them scared. A Chinese bureaucrat who has worked

here for nearly 20 years and has many Tibetan friends said he was glad there were so many Chinese soldiers around. "The

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On Monday The IHT's restaurant critic, Patricia Wells, resumes her search for the world's 10 hest restaurants. After visiting Hong Kong, Tokyo, the United States, France, the Benclux countries. Spain Britain and Switzerland, she reports on Germany's top restaurants, and also on

more casual dining establishments.

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Last U.S. Envoys Leave Mogadishu MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)

Fearful of deteriorating security and per-sistent clan fighting, the last U.S. diplo-mats in Somalia lowered the flag at their compound on Thursday and began leaving the country.

Marine guards turned over security to

United Nations troops and left Thursday morning for Mombasa, Kenya, said a U.S. diplomat. All the U.S. diplomats at the liaison office in Mogadishu, including the ambassador, Daniel Simpson, were to arrive in Nairobi by the end of the day, said a U.S. diplomat in Nairobi.

Washington announced last month that it would withdraw the last 80 U.S. diplomats and Marines in Somalia by Sept. 15 because of security concerns and the failure of Somali clan leaders to make progress toward peace.

Book Review

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UN peacekeepers returned fire as fighting escalated in Bosnia. Page 2, An Ohio lawyer wants wants to change his TV image for politics.

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AN ANNIVERSARY - The British veterans John Hayward, left, and Jack Hobbs walking in a cemetery near Arnhem, the Netherlands, Thursday. Ninety World War II veterans are to parachute into the town this weekend.

Europe Faults Indecisiveness On Invasion

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - President Bill Clinton's handling of the Haiti crisis has come to be perceived by the European allies and others as further proof of chronic indecisive ness, a malady that continues to under-mine faith in his leadership. The persistent efforts to coax, cajole and

intimidate Haiti's military rulers into leav-

NEWS ANALYSIS

ing the country ahead of an American-led invasion have been depicted by the Clinton administration as a display of patience

But in many European capitals, the hand-wringing ahead of the most widely advertised intervention in American history - one that has received nearly unanimous blessing from the United Nations has confirmed suspicions about growing U.S. discomfort about dispatching its soldiers into battle in the post-Cold War era.

European diplomats and military specialists say American fears about suffering casualties in such a lopsided military match reflect the Democratic administration's deep ambivalence about using force. As seen in the crises over Bosnia, Somalia and Rwanda, the all-volunteer army that performed so effectively in the Gulf War has consistently been withheld from com-

The success of the Gulf War, these officials say, may have set a standard that has left American politicians almost paralyzed by anxiety about the electoral fallout from

General Philippe Morillon, the French general who headed UN forces in the former Yugoslavia, believes this syndrome may erode American will to intervene abroad in the future since its political and military leaders may refuse to engage in

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The United States says that lifting the

arms embargo on the Muslims would

redress the military imbalance that has favored Serbs. But Russia, Britain and France say it would provoke renewed

war and have said they would withdraw their forces from the United Nations

There has been no clear sign from the

contact group about where it will head

once the Oct. 15 deadline runs out.

Hopes are pinned on the possibility that Belgrade's military blockade of the Bos-nian Serbs might temper their defiance.

President Slobodan Milosevic of Ser-

bia halted shipments of fuel and materi-

el last month after denouncing Bosnian

But diplomats in Belgrade stressed

that Mr. Milosevic's quarrel was with

Serbian leaders as war criminals.

Protection Force in Bosnia.

But they are keenly aware of divisions and had captured the village of Bijela,

over the arms embargo between the U.S. south of the town.

government and its main allies.

"We will not give up our demand for

the correction of the map, because it divides the Bosnian Serbian republic

into three parts and gives 20 towns, eight

mines and all rivers to the enemy," Mr.

Krajisnik told a Yugoslav radio station.

The major powers' "contact group," made up of the United States, Russia,

Britain, France and Germany, wants to

In Sarajevo, UN peacekeepers reported Thursday heavy fighting between Serb rebels and the Bosnian Army in

central Bosnia and in the northwest

Bosnian Serbian sources in Pale, outside Sarajevo, said that the government forces had gained ground in recent fight-

ing around the central town of Konjic

SMOKE-FILLED POLITICS — Three foreign ministers — from left, Andrzej Olechowski of Poland, Alain Juppé of France and Klaus Kinkel of Germany — lifting glasses of so-called smoked beer, with a taste described as "smoked ham," Thursday in Bamberg, Germany. The trio met to discuss Poland's links with the European Union.

An odd problem has faced Europe's largest solar-energy plant outside Toledo, Spain, since it opened early this summer: too much sun. Temperatures in the

barren plains of central Spain, where the sun shines 3,000 hours a year, have reached 50 degrees (122 Fahrenheit) in receive weeks, damaging some of the sen-

Another problem has come from the

south. Storm clouds blowing in from Africa have deposited a fine yellow film

of Saharan sand on the 7,836 silicon

Nonetheless, technicians at the plant

are mostly satisfied, reports the German

weekly Focus. The plant, built at a cost

of \$16 million, with Spanish, German

and European Union financing, is ex-

pected to meet its target for the year of

1.5 million kilowatt hours of electricity

production — enough for a village of

One of the more popular autritional theories of recent times — that a French

diet, red wine included, could reduce the

risk of heart disease - came in for heavy

criticism at an international cardiology

congress this week in Berlin. A 21-nation

World Health Organization study found

a problem in French reporting of heart-

disease deaths. A cardiovascular expert,

Hugh Tunstall-Pedoe, of Dundee, Scot-

land, told the congress that many deaths

by heart attack are classified in France

simply as "sudden death," a category not

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Muslim enclave of Bihac.

But Opposition Disputes View

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina —
Bosnian Serbs, emboldened by a rift among major powers, said Thursday they would defy a U.S. deadline for acceptance of a peace plan despite a threat to arm their Muslim foes.

Morrollo Krajirnik a hard-line mem-

Momcilo Krajisnik, a hard-line mem-

ber of the Bosnian Serbian leadership,

said the plan proposed by major powers

would be ignored until it was redrafted

to lift the United Nations embargo on

the Muslim-led Bosnian government if the the plan is not accepted by Oct. 15.

The rejection by the Bosnian Serbs of the proposal, which would require them

to relinquish some of the territory they

have conquered to a federation of Mus-lims and Croats, has left them isolated and under a military blockade by their

EUROPEAN

TOPICS

Swiss Voters Tackle Question:

What limits should a civilized nation

place on the right of free expression? Should even inflammatory racist com-

ments be treated as protected speech? Swiss voters will have to decide on these

delicate questions in a referendum next

Support is widespread among the country's legislators for changing the pe-

nal code to ban speech that "incites ra-

cial hatred or detracts from human dig-

nity." Federal authorities insist that this would not affect people's right to speak

freely in private but is intended only to ensure public safety. Swiss officials also

want to ratify the International Conven-

tion on the Elimination of All Forms of

The proposed law, reports the Journal

de Genève, targets comments such as the

call by one doctor for the tattooing of all

people who are seropositive or the asser-

tion that the Holocanst was a fiction.

The Sept. 25 referendum has encoun-

tered some opposition. Extremists of the

right - those most likely to be affected

— have sharply attacked the proposal. Liberals fear infringements on people's

right to expression. They also note that

signatories to the UN's convention on

the elimination of racism include such

in Ireland are likely to continue

Racial Discrimination.

Is Racist Speech Protected?

former Yugoslav allies.

The United States has said it will push

to take account of their objections.

Reuters
BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl claimed credit on Thursday for economic recovery in Eastern Germany, which he said had turned the former Communist region into the fastest growing area in Europe.

But the opposition Social Democrats, who hope to defeat Mr. Kohl in an election on Oct. 16, accused him of "resounding complacency" and said the realities in the East were mass unemployment and industrial

Speaking at a meeting with business leaders and unions on the East German economy, Mr. Kohl said that between unification in October 1990 and the end of 1994, Western Germany would have pumped nearly 500 billion marks (\$325 billion) into

Real economic growth in the east was nearly 9 percent in the first half of this year.

"East Germany is at present the strongest growth region in Europe," Mr. Kohl said. "We have achieved a lot since Octo-ber 1990, although much remains to be done.

The chancellor, who was ridiculed by the opposition for pre-dicting in the 1990 election that Eastern Germany would soon be a "flourishing landscape," used the same phrase again.
"People in Eastern Germany

feel more clearly every day that unification has been a success economically and socially," he said. "The flourishing landscape is emerging."
Mr. Kohl, leader of the

Christian Democrats, is well ahead of Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democratic leader, in opinion polls, but doubts about the performance of his liberal Free Democratic coalition partners mean he cannot be sure of retaining a working majority.

Two leading members of the Social Democrats' shadow cabinet, Gerhard Schröder and Wolfgang Thierse, said economic growth in the East looked strong only because it had started from an absolute low point when industry virtually collapsed after unification.

In reality, East German in-dustrial production is still about a third below the levels seen in 1989-90 in the final days of communism.

What we are hearing from the chancellery today is re-sounding complacency," the two men said in a joint state-

In other developments:
• The former German chan-

cellor Helmut Schmidt, at the last campaign rally of his long political career, urged voters to support Mr. Scharping against Mr. Kohl.

"There always has to be an end," Mr. Schmidt said Wednesday night at a rally in his home town of Hamburg when he announced his decision. He said he would be 76 just before Christmas and that it was time to bow out.

Mr. Schmidt became chancellor in 1974. He governed un-뉍 1982.

• The Social Democrats said Thursday that the general election was now a completely open race after two state votes confirmed the decline of the Free Democrats.

Their campaign manager, Gunter Verheugen, said that the Free Democrats might not win any seats in the October election.

Fifty-seven percent of voters told pollsters they wanted a change in Bonn, he said, while the large number of those undecided - 30 percent of the electorate — meant the Social Democrats had a good chance to win over floating voters.

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unless the Irish government slows down its peace efforts, a politician with connections to one of the outlawed groups said Thursday. David Ervine, spokesman for

the tiny Progressive Unionist in British-ruled Northern Ire-Party, said the extremists want-

Reuters ed peace, eventually, but were BELFAST — Protestant extremist attacks against targets change since the Irish Republican Army announced a ceasefire two weeks ago.

"The name of the game, I think, is to slow down, take stock," Mr. Ervine said, adding that Ireland could play a role once the Protestant community

Ulster Unionist Urges Slow Peace Efforts Unionists and loyalists, who the IRA cease-fire was for real, both want Northern Ireland to a stance labeled "bizarre" by stay British, fear that the IRA Mr. Adams. and its political wing, Sinn

Fein, are using the cease-fire Sir Patrick Mayhew, briefed the merely as a tactic. Unionists were infuriated when Prime Minister Albert ing Protestant street violence Reynolds of Ireland met the and uncertainty about the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, truce just a few days after the ceasefire, fearing that Ireland was ernment reiterated that it wantseeking a major role in the prov-

ince's affairs. Mr. Ervine said Protestant extremist groups were desperate to make the British and Irish governments pay attention to these fears and were copying IRA tactics to do so.

The British government, lation of Hong Kong surpassed meanwhile, said Thursday that 6 million people at the end of it needed more time to decide if June, the government said.

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Hong Kong Tops 6 Million

HONG KONG - The popu-

pension system as the main threat to the country's depleted coffers. Italians are allowed to retire on up to 80 percent of their final salary under one of the world's most generous sys-

The leading state pension organization said the rise in appli-

cations was in line with esti-

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on early retirement requests in

1993. Labor Minister Clemente

Mastella called media specula-

tion of a flight from the work-

He noted that monthly re-

The government, which must

present its 1995 budget to Par-

iament before the end of this

month, plans deficit cuts of at

least 45 trillion lire (\$29 bil-

lion), including some 8 trillion

Italy has some 20 million

pensioners, slightly more than

one in three of the total popula-

tion, with more than a third of

the state's total annual expendi-

tures used to cover the cost.

Payouts far exceed contribu-

Chechen Leader

Signs Martial Law

MOSCOW - The Chechen

leader, Dzhokar Dudayev,

signed a decree on Thursday

imposing martial law in his

breakaway republic of Chech-

nya, Interfax news agency said.

It was not clear to what ex-

tent Mr. Dudayev, facing rebel-

lion from several armed groups

inside his tiny territory, would

Itar-Tass said the Russian

Army would hold maneuvers in

the north Caucasus near Chech-

nya's borders next week. The

exercises will be led by the com-

mander in chief of land forces,

Colonel-General Vladimir Se-

be able to enforce the ruling.

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quests averaged 40,000 in 1992.

place "alarmist comments."

Bosnian Serbs in the lurch militarily.

international mission to monitor the

Yugoslav-Bosnian border and ensure

that the blockade is being enforced, met

Yugoslav officials on Thursday to work

Mr. Pelinas will have only 135 civilian

British UN soldiers have fought two

Fear of Cuts

Starts Rush

Of Retirees

ROME - Italian workers are

rushing in record numbers to

take early retirement in a stam-pede triggered by fears of sharp cuts in pension benefits as part

State pension bodies have re-

ceived 460,000 retirement requests so far this year, nearly

double the number in the whole

Requests, from both the pub-

lic and private sectors, salaried

employees and the self-em-

ployed, averaged some 60,000

in July alone, according to offi-

The leading state pension or-

ganization, strapped for cash, said it had received an average

of 42,000 requests a month this year, against some 23,500 a month last year.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlus-

coni's conservative govern-

ment, which has pledged to re-

duce a \$1.15 trillion state debt

mountain, has pinpointed the

generous and much-abused

cial figures Thursday.

of 1993.

of a cost-saving 1995 budget.

In Italy

fierce firefights in the besieged eastern

volunteers working under the supervi-

against Bosnian Serbs.

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sion of Yugoslav authorities.

What to do when you've had a few too many drinks and don't want to call a cab because then you'll have to go back for your car the next morning? Michael Rex-roth, 24, spent an evening weighing that question over a few beers in a Frankfurt tavern not long ago. His answer: "Let someone else drive you home in your car." To turn his brainstorm into reality, Mr. Rexroth, a former professional soccer player, bought a small fleet of Italian fold-up mini-motorcycles. When some-one calls his company, City Flea, from a bar, an employee rides to meet the caller, folds up the cycle and puts it in the trunk, then drives the customer home. City Flea is getting 10 to 15 calls a night. Mr. Rexroth already plans to expand to other German cities.

In England, debate persists over a local vicar's refusal to allow families to have informal inscriptions such as "Dad," "Mum" or "Ginger" placed on headstones in the church cemetery. Some say a family should have the right to show its respect any way it wants; others favor traditional dignity. One writer to The Times summed it up this way: "The key issue in the case of the vicar of Freckleton is surely not of free speech but of taste. If I wished my grave to be illuminated by pink neon squirrels which would softly sing 'The Party's Over' in close harmony each time a mourner approached, should I be legally restrained on the grounds that my plans were naff?" Good question. Pink is a bit garish.

Brian Knowlton

WORLD BRIEFS

African Peacekeeping Troops Fight the independently minded politicians and that he would never risk leaving the Takeover by Insurgents in Liberia Major powers have offered to ease

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Tanks and ganboats of the season intervention force pounded Liberia's presidential mansion Thursday in an attempt to dislodge plotters who claimed to sanctions on rump Yugoslavia in return for allowing monitoring of the blockade Bo Pellnas, the Swedish head of an

have taken over the country.

The eight-nation force tried for hours to negotiate with the insurgents, some of whom had belonged to the army of the assassinated president, Samuel Doe, The intervention force then

opened fire from three gunboats and some tanks.

Brigadier General A.S. Mukhtar, chief of staff of the African intervention force, said 50 to 60 of the attackers had surreadered earlier Thursday and indicated that up to 150 remained in the

The fighting came three days after Liberia's three main warring factions signed a UN-approved peace agreement. The accord caused an uproar because it provided for the warlords to replace a Gorazde enclave in two days after coming under attack, UN spokesmen said Thursday.

(Renters AP) civilian-dominated interim government.

Head of French Media Firm Is Held (Reuters, AP)

PARIS (Reuters) — A French judge issued an arrest warrant on Thursday for the chairman of a state media holding company in the latest probe into suspected political corruption.

Jean-Louis Dutaret, a lawyer and close aide to former communications minister Alain Carignon, has been held for questioning with his sister in Paris. A Lyon judge, Philippe Courroye, issued arrest warrants as a prelude to placing both of them under judicial investigation, justice sources said. Mr. Dutaret heads SOFIRAD. The sources said he was suspected of acting as an intermediary with two major public works groups that bailed out heavily indebted campaign newspapers after Mr. Carignon, a member of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic party, won the 1989 mayoral election in Grenoble.

Crimean Prime Minister Steps Down

SIMFEROPOL, Ukraine (Reuters) — The prime minister of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula tendered his resignation Thursday, saying he was unable to work amid the region's constitutional

Yevgeny Saburov told reporters during a session of the local Parliament that he had offered his resignation to President Yuri

In a speech to the chamber, Mr. Saburov only hinted broadly that he intended to step down, saying he could not "see any possibility of working further in a constructive way if this situation continues." The Parliament passed a law last week that curtailed Mr. Meshkov's powers, and the president responded by the body.

Former Greek Leader to Stand Trial

ATHENS (Reuters) - The Greek Parliament voted Thursday to send to trial the former conservative prime minister Constantine Mitsotakis for allegedly taking a bribe in the sale of a state

cement company.

The 300-seat Parliament, where the ruling Socialists have a comfortable 170-member majority, voted to prosecute Mr. Mitsotakis on four separate charges of breach of faith, morally instigating a crime, taking bribes and violating his duties as a cabinet

Saudi Dissidents Warn of New Threat

LONDON (Reuters) — A Saudi opposition group said Thursday that a previously unknown group in Saudi Arabia had issued a warning of bomb attacks and kidnappings of Westerners and Saudi royalty if an imprisoned cleric is not released.

The London-based Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights produced what it said was a statement issued in the Saudi control of Privadh by a group colling itself the Pattalions of Faith

capital of Riyadh by a group calling itself the Battalions of Faith.

The Battalions of Faith demand the release of our Sheikh Salman ibn Fahd al Audah and give the Saudi authorities only five days," the statement said in Arabic. "If they do not respond, then we will blow up Western interests such as embassies, banks, shops and companies and kidnap American and European citizens."

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Air France Pilots Put Strike on Hold

PARIS (Reuters) — Air France said Thursday that a planned strike by its pilots on Friday and Saturday had been postponed and that all flights would operate as normal. The company made the announcement after discussions with union representatives. A statement by the pilot unions said they and the management had agreed to enter into immediate discussions on the contested company proposals. The unions had called for the strike action over plans by Air France to reduce the flight premiums in the pilots' pay packages.

All private cars will be banned from the center of Athens for a second day on Friday, the Greek Environment Ministry announced Thursday after temperatures hit a high of 37 degrees centigrade (98 Fahrenheit) and pushed air pollution to danger

Italian bank workers will go on a nationwide strike on Friday to protest delays in renewing contracts, unions said Thursday. The one-day action will be accompanied by demonstrations in major

Mayor Rudolph W. Ginliani amounced that New York City and cities with the main protest expected in Milan. the Circle Line were offering rewards totaling \$21,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting of a German tourist aboard a Circle Line cruise boat on Monday.

U.S. Man Must Pay \$653,000 In Killing of Japan Student

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana — A judge ordered a homeowner to pay \$653,000 to the parents of a Japanese exchange student who was shot to death in 1992 when he went to the wrong house while looking for a Halloween party.
State District Judge Bill Brown rejected Rodney Peairs's

contention that he thought 16-year-old Yoshihiro Hattori was a crazed attacker.

There is no justification that the killing was necessary to save himself or his family." Judge Brown said. Mr. Peairs did not use the "extraordinary care" required under law for using a gun, and neither Mr. Hattori nor his.

host family bears any blame, the judge said. Mr. Peairs was acquitted of manslaughter last year in the slaying, which reinforced the United States' image in Japan

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RICHMOND, Virginia — Former Governor L. Douglas Wilder has abandoned his independent run for the Senate after two polls showed him far behind his fellow Democrat and longtime rival, Senator Charles S. Robb.

Mr. Wilder's withdrawal reduced the chance that a split

Michigan that age to but the many of the michigan of the michi among Democrats would hand the seat to Oliver L. North, a at the aded for the adapting conservative Republican. Marshall Coleman, an independent, is the third remaining candidate in a hard-fought race that is crucial to Republican efforts to win control of the Senate in the Nov. 8 election.

"I have seen that the two-party system in Virginia is strong and that the difficulty in financing independent candidacies is real." Mr. Wilder said in a statement.

French major is tood an array of a state mount holding to "I have said that I was in this campaign for one reason only. and that was to win." the statement continued. "Though I don't attach great significance to polls, they are influential, and the influence on financing capabilities is great. Mainly for that reason; I don't feel that I could raise sufficient funds for Largement, no recent total for the largement of the free total for the finding of any winning effort to take place.

"I am a realist," he said. "I know when to hold them and when to fold them."

Grousing at White House Staff Overhaul

papers lifter Mr. Cattanna 22. WASHINGTON - As the White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, approaches his final recommendations on a long-delayed staff reorganization, aides have begun to recognize a potentially serious political problem - too many white

guys.

Mr. Panetta has been working for nearly three months on plans to revamp President Bill Clinton's sometimes chaotic staff. The length of the process has hurt staff morale and led to considerable bitterness on the part of those whose futures have been left twisting in the wind.

"It's just unfair to people," an aide said. "It looks bad for Leon and for the president."

Mr. Panetta has made some changes already, placing three longtime aides, including a woman, in mid-level White House

Those expected to leave include a majority of the top-ranking women on Mr. Clinton's immediate staff, people who are largely unknown to the public except as anonymous "senior White House officials" but who are key to the internal workings of the White House.

Some high-ranking men are likely to be leaving as well. John Podesta, staff secretary, for example, has planned to depart at the end of the year. Nonetheless, women on Mr. Clinton's staff have long complained about what one high-ranking female aide called an "inclusion problem" — a sense that while women hold many posts, the key players at the White House are all men except for Hillary Rodham Clinton and her chief of staff, Maggie Williams. (LAT)

Républicans Run With a New Ad Strategy

Republican strategists are considering a novel way to tie Democratic members of Congress to Mr. Clinton by depicting them jogging with the chief executive. Walter Jones Jr., the Republican challenger to Representative H. Martin Lancaster, Democrat of North Carolina, is using a television ad showing a somewhat breathless Mr. Lancaster on a jog with

Other Republican candidates, especially in the South, may use similar commercials against other Democratic jogging partners. Representative Bill Paxon, Republican of New York and the chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, says that, in the South, B.C. does not stand for Bill Clinton but for "ball and chain."

Quote/Unquote

Haley Barbouron, the Republican National Committee chairman, on his party's chances in the November elections: backs for more than a year, but in the last few weeks that wind has actually picked up."

TV Ads Haunt Ohio Lawyer

He Needs Image Transplant for Senate Race

By R.W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

CHARDON, Ohio - Television spots are the miracle drugs of modern politics. They can make weak candidates strong and put hope into hopeless causes. But a television spot, as Joel Hyatt has discovered can

also be a sword with two edges. With an expenditure of tens of millions of advertising dollars over the last decade, he built a national chain of storefront law offices, and in the process made himself wellenough known to win the Democratic nomination for an open Senate seat in Ohio.

But the ads also firmly implanted in the minds of voters a picture of a smooth-talking lawyer, an image that many find unsuitable for the job he is seek-

Ask voters to describe his Republican rival, Lieutenant Governor Michael DeWine, and they say "lieutenant governor" or "politician" or at worst "perennial candidate."

But ask them about Mr. Hyatt and they almost all say "lawyer." Many add some deroga-tory comment about the profession. Some refer to him as an ambulance chaser.

Partly as a result of this image problem. Mr. Hyatt has fallen far behind Mr. DeWine in opinion polls published in recent days. He and his strategists think he can catch up, but few Ohio analysts give him very much chance.

That is bad news for the Democrats, who are struggling to limit their losses in this fall's contest for control of the Sen-This year, as in most years.

Ohio is one of the pivots upon which the election will probably turn. If the Republicans win here, their chances of gaining a net of seven Senate seats, which they need to take control, will rise sharply. A number of elements be-

yond his control have handicapped Mr. Hyatt's effort. President Bill Clinton is unpopular here, although he helped Mr. Hyatt raise more than \$300,000 at a dinner earlier this year. Governor George Voinovich,

a Republican seeking re-election against a token opponent, is extremely popular. Then there is the old Ohio

political tradition that a candidate for major statewide office has to lose at least once before

public office.

In addition, Mr. Hyatt had to lage, Mr. Hyatt was already fight hard in the primary to defeat Mary Boyle, a Cuyahoga County commissioner, and he dismissed most of his campaign staff immediately afterwards.

Among those he let go was Mandy Grunwald, one of Mr. Clinton's advisers in the 1992 campaign and since. While his new team was still getting orga-

Some voters refer to him as

an ambulance chaser.

nized, Mr. DeWine mounted a television campaign in the Cleveland area, Mr. Hyau's base, and made significant in-A recent poll has Mr.

DeWine 11 percentage points ahead, and another new one puts the margin at 18 points. In this state, where politics

tend to be cyclical, "it's starting to look like an elephant stam-pede," says Mike Curtin, a Columbus Dispatch reporter. Gerald Austin, a political

consultant who was one of Ms. Boyle's strategists, said that Mr. Hyatt "has wasted the three months since the primary" and "hasn't developed the credibility to make his attacks on DeWine stick the way Glenn

Professor Alfred Tuchfarber of the University of Cincinnati said Mr. DeWine could still lose, "but he'd have to put his foot in his mouth and twist it." Mark Mellman, the Democrat's new polister, nonetheless general election. promises a fast finish.

He said the Hyatt campaign would shift the focus of the conity to Mr. DeWine's voting record, emphasizing the the voters accord him some respect.
Republican's support of the North American Free Trade Agreement, unpopular among trade unionists, and his opposition during his years in Congress to the Clean Air Act, to civil rights bills and to increases

in the minimum wage.
"People know Joel," said Mr. Mellman, who worked for Mr. Glenn two years ago. "People That was true of senators like don't know DeWine. He may

Robert Taft, John Glenn and be ahead at the moment, but Howard M. Metzenbaum and he's a bleeder, he loses votes in governors like James Rhodes the stretch, and believe me, we and John Gilligan. Mr. DeWine know how to make him bleed." lost to Mr. Glenn two years ago. Last weekend, in appear-This is Mr. Hyatt's first try for ances in Cleveland and at a la-

bor picnic near this bucolic vil-

The son of immigrants who ran a small umbrella shop, Mr. Hyatt is nevertheless inevitably described as "the multimillionaire son-in-law" of Mr. Metzenbaum, who is retiring.

A ranking official in the Hyatt campaign conceded that Mr. Metzenbaum was purposely being kept in the background in an effort to dampen Republican charges that he was trying to create a senatorial dynasty.
He has been an active fundraiser, appearing last month,
for example, at a Hollywood reception.

Mr. Hyatt pictures himself as an entrepreneur — not a lawyer — and emphasizes his lack of government experience.

Mr. DeWine likes to wear plaid work shirts to emphasize his country origins, but Mr. Hvatt misses few opportunities to describe Mr. DeWine's family, which has a flourishing seed business, as wealthy.

As for the unfavorable impressions that may linger from his ads, Mr. Hvatt said his firm has represented 600,000 people in Ohio — "mostly to their great satisfaction."



SAVED FROM THE SEA - An elderly Cuban woman being rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard, which said the number of Cubans picked up had dropped significantly.

Washington Ex-Mayor Seeks Respect

By Yolanda Woodlee

WASHINGTON -After a decisive victory in the Democratic mayoral primary, Marion Barry has emerged with words for white voters who did not support him, with plans to balance the District of Columbia's budget and with confidence that he will defeat his opponents in November's

At a news conference, Mr. Barry was asked what he would say to the large number of white residents who did not vote for him in the primary test from Mr. Hyait's personal- and what he would say to Congress.

His message was blunt, and he demanded that

"Get over whatever personal hang-ups you got," Mr. Barry said, "Get over it. I'm the best person for Washington. I know best how to protect their investments, their homes, their busi-nesses. I know best how to balance this budget. I government" until January.

know best how to save our city from financial collapse. I know best how to get us moving. I know best how to get our government to be

"So to those white people who have whatever hang-ups they have, get over it."

Mr. Barry, mayor for 12 years and now a District of Columbia Council member, defeated Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly and an at-large council member, John Ray, in the primary election on Mr. Barry said he would like to meet with Mrs.

Kelly's financial team. "First of all, we're going to balance this budget. We know how to reduce the budget by \$140 million. We're very surgical

By Oct. 1, he said, he will probably have introduced an emergency budget act to guaran-



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Away From Politics

• The \$2.7 million jury award to a woman burned by a cup of coffee at a Mc-Donald's restaurant has been reduced to \$480,000. "We still feel the damages are excessive and mappropriate," said a McDonald's pokesman. The fast-food chain will appeal again.

New York's crime rate has fallen to its lowest level in 15 years, with an average of five murders a day. But poverty is on the rise with one in seven on the dole.

• Discovery's cloud-mapping laser scanned the eye of a typhoon from above the Pacific to give atmospheric scientists a detailed profile.

• A Thai Airlines Boeing 747-300 with 390 people aboard blew at least two of its 18 tires taking off from Los Angeles International Airport but returned to land safely.

 Santa Rosa Cor College in California agreed to pay two female students \$15,000 each because of derogatory sexual remarks made about them on a men-only computer bulletin board. The college did away with the message network soon after the

women complained. • Four of Cleveland's 19 parking-enforcement officers were dismissed for voiding their own tickets, Mayor Michael White said. AFP, Reuters, AP

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Air Traffic Controllers Deny Blame White House Protection Not Their Job at Night, Union Says

By Don Phillips and Pierre Thomas n Post Service WASHINGTON — The union representing air traffic controllers has declared that it is not their responsibility to monitor radar continuously during early morning hours and that controllers on duty at National Airport when a small plane crashed on the White House lawn were "conducting their duties as required."

Obviously angry that controllers appeared to be getting the blame for failure to detect the plane, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association said the two controllers were performing required administrative duties and had no reason to look at radar screens,

The union strongly sugge that air surveillance and notification to White House security zations have "heightened secu-

the early morning hours.

"Controllers on the midnight shift are required to monitor the radar only when aircraft are scheduled to enter their airspace," its Wednesday statement said. "Neither the tower controller nor the radar controller was working any aircraft movements at the time of the incident. In accordance with their responsibilities, they were conducting standard administrative duties in preparation for the heavy morning traffic

A joint news release from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secret Service made it clear that the administration plays a role in providing the Secret Service with vital air space information. The release also noted that the two organi-

was routinely limited, at least in tity procedures" pending a comprehensive review of the

current system. Privately, controllers and employees of the administration and the Transportation Department expressed frustration with the Secret Service's handling of the incident, including what they called a gag order that has prevented the administration from making any comment.

Some in the administration and the controllers' union said that the Secret Service was more interested in controlling its image than in an orderly flow of

The joint news release said it was "inappropriate" at present to discuss the relationship between the administration and the Secret Service. "To do so may compromise the Secret Service's ability to perform its essential security role," it said.

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U.S. Questions Rights Record of Aristide Aide

By John M. Goshko

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Haiti's deposed president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, sent a former Port-au-Prince police chief to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to recruit refugees as future security personnel even though the U.S. government had raised questions about his human rights record, according to U.S. officials.

The recent incident was described by U.S. officials and aides of Father Aristide after an account of it was disclosed in a leak from Capitol Hill.

Colonel Pierre Cherubin was police chief of the Haitian capital when Father Aristide was president. U.S. officials acknowledged that they had heard allegations that he had been involved in drug trafficking and the killing of five young people whose bodies were found in a vacant lot.

When Father Aristide decided to send Colonel Cherubin to the U.S. Naval Base at Guantánamo Bay to recruit Haitians there, the United States raised the question of his human rights record. Both U.S. officials and aides to Father Aristide said the former president

sues touching on Haiti's future after an invasion: building a police force to maintain order, getting adequate food supplies and paying off the nation's But concern on Capitol Hill about

He and other officials said William H.

Gray 3d, President Bill Clinton's special

adviser for Haiti, had made no attempt

to veto Father Aristide's choice of Colo-

Guantanamo assisting the recruiting ef-

The incident illustrates that Father

of controversy even as the U.S. contin-

ues plans for an invasion to restore him

Father Aristide and the administra-

tion are now engaged in confidential

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had replied that he had looked into the Father Aristide, whose foes describe consisted, as one official said, "almost accusations against the colonel and had him as an anti-American demagogue, exclusively of calming talk of peace and concluded that they were without merit. remains one of the principal sources of "Mr. Aristide is the president, and it

opposition to any invasion. Precisely when Father Aristide would would be inappropriate for us to suggest we might disapprove of people in his government," a U.S. official said. go back will depend on how long it takes U.S. forces to secure control.

An account of the administration's discussions with Father Aristide about Colonel Cherubin was included in a document, described as an internal Pentagon memo, that circulated in Washnel Cherubin. The colonel currently is in ington on Tuesday.

It charged that the Clinton adminis-tration and Father Aristide were quar-Aristide, a populist leader deposed by a reling bitterly about how to bring demilitary coup in 1991, remains a subject mocracy to Haiti.

U.S. officials said the alleged document exaggerated the degree of conflict between Mr. Gray and Father Aristide over Colonel Cherubin, and they said they could find no evidence that the memo had originated in the Defense Department.

Both sides said that Father Aristide had been broadcasting regularly to Haiti on U.S.-provided facilities, that his re-marks had been monitored closely by the administration and that they had

reconciliation among all Haitians."

Representative David E. Skaggs, Democrat of Colorado, expressed concern about Father Aristide in a letter to Mr. Clinton.

"We know that Mr. Aristide was ineffective in governing Haiti and in controlling the military when he was president," Mr. Skaggs wrote. "What if he again loses support? Would the United States now have to guarantee the success of his government?"

During his three years of Washington exile, Father Aristide proved to be a tough client because he feared that the United States wanted to force him to share power with his domestic oppo-

That began to change last May after Mr. Clinton named Mr. Gray his special adviser, U.S. officials said.

"Bill Gray's singular contribution is that he established a climate of mutual harmony and trust between us and Aristide," said a senior administration offi-cial.

HAITI: Military Rulers Stay Defiant as U.S. Warships Arrive Off Coast

Continued from Page 1 ment, also predicted that the army would try to mount a

guerrilla war instead of confronting U.S. troops head on. "Everyone right now has some kind of fear, they don't know what is coming," he said in an interview Thursday with a

U.S. television network. The United States is threatening to invade to restore Fa-

scared, there is alarm that an

"zero-dead wars."

onto their jobs.

ue to fulfill its mission and will not fail to fully pursue the defense of the republic," President Emile Jonassaint, who was installed by the army, said at a news conference Wednesday

He added that the invasion ther Aristide, who was demo-cratically elected. A crippling ed, with U.S. congressional ture of boats and planes during they flew over at 2:45 A.M.,

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The Ministry of the Interior
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according to one resident.

Two Army Blackhawk helicopters flew over the capital later Wednesday.

Apparently anticipating an invasion, middle- and upperclass Haitians stocked up on Some 19 countries, mainly goods, emptying shelves at from Central America, have many food stores and super-

At his news conference, Mr. designed to oust the military Jonassaint said legislative elections would be held as planned years ago.

Britain is sending a frigate
and a refueling ship now on
station in the West Indies to

Miss would be held to in December and that presidential elections would be held soon after.

After delivering his remarks

CLINTON: A Speech Aimed at Congress and Public After delivering his remarks in French, Mr. Jonassaint spoke Creole, the language of most Haitians.

"We have harmed no one, threatened neither the peace of America nor of the world," he said. "Haiti doesn't have the atom bomb. They could destroy us in a couple of minutes."

Continued from Page 1 group of news agency reputers that, if left uncorrected, Haiti's president and his aides were slide back to dictatorship would bode ill for fledgling democra-cies elsewhere in the Western path in which he would see no Hemisphere. He portrayed Hai- option but to go forward with? ti as a killing field in which the an invasion if economic sanc-United States has a moral oblitions alone did not work.

President Clinton pointing to photos of what he said were atrocities in Haiti.

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nue has been exhausted,7 Madeleine K. Albright, U.S. ambassador the United Nations, said Thursday, according to The Associated Press.

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area to bomb whatever "ene-

my" might have survived. As

the mushroom cloud drifted east, about 170 pilots found themselves flying through it. Within another 20 minutes,

the infantry was sent out of the

trenches and toward the center. Many soldiers received a "sec-ond shock," Colonel Vasiakin

In accordance with the plans

collapsing houses.

down on their own, the presi-dent warned that the credibility not just of his administration "Inevitably, there was going

made good on his threats.

Since Mr. Clinton first threatened to use force to oust Haiti's junta, his aides have said

any effort to persuade Congress And having threatened since and the public that a relatively May to stage an invasion unless insignificant country like Haiti Haiti's military leaders stepped was worth American blood and

not just of his administration "Inevitably, there was going but also of the United States to be a large controversy about would be at stake unless he sending troops to a place that most American people regard Saying he had already shown as peripheral to our interests." a

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TEST: Fallout for Human Subjects

past 40 years. They attributed the problems not only to the nuclear test but also to chemical-weapons testing that polluted the groundwater in the 1920s and 1930s.

What is clear, from interviews with survivors still in the area, is that civilians were protected only haphazardly and soldiers not at all. Some people were evacuated, others were not. Some said they were ad-vised to leave but did not bother. Others said they left despite being told they could safely stay as long as they lay on the ground and did not look up.

Lyubov Ivanova, 70, said she was evacuated from a village near the center of the target area that had been wiped out and had never been rebuilt. But "like idiots," she said, she and her neighbors returned two days later to see what had happened to their houses, and when grass began growing again from the scorched earth, they drove their animals there to graze.

"No one told us not to," she said. "And after all, we have to

said. "And after all, we have to live."

"Now," she added, "my son and daughter are both sick, and many of my friends have died."

On the day of the test, soldiers brought livestock to the target center, along with all kinds of military equipment and radiation instruments. A bomber dropped the device from about 10 kilometers up.

titude of about 380 meters (1,200 feet), forming a huge

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Paris Bombing by Corsicans

Agence France Presse tacks on West 1
PARIS — A bomb exploded the early 1980s.
A central figure early Thursday in a city educa-tion office in northeastern Par-tion office in northeastern Par-Oren Edri, 23, one of two young tion as proof that the governis, causing severe damage to the building and in the immediate neighborhood. A Corsican na- of passing along army weapons to discredit them all. Suspicion

Swedish Tycoon Apologizes

Mr. Wallenberg said: "On a question regarding South Africa, I expressed myself in a way that was interpreted as degrading for the black people in South Africa. I regret the way in which my words were interpreted and sincerely apologize to anyone offended."

In his answer Mr. Wallenberg said that "there are a well-educated blackies" in South Africa, adding that be added not have the competence to run the country without being from the white minority.

ISRAEL: Underground' Rumors

high-quality experience." such attacks in the last 12
Today, a small monument months, compared with 49 in stands near the target center, the previous year. By the same honoring the soldiers who "defield danger and fulfilled their the bands of Israeli civilians took a honoring the soldiers who defied danger and fulfilled their military duty in the name of the defensive might of our homeland." Background radiation slightly higher that includes the 29 people killed by Baruch Goldstein a massage of the control of of Kiryat Arba in a massacre than in surrounding territory, of Kiryat Arba in a mas Colonel Vasiakin said, and the last February in Hebron.

The phrase "Jewish underground has dominated Israeli headlines, evoking memories of a network that carried out deadly bombings and other at-tacks on West Bank Arabs in

officers from Kiryat Arba implicated in the case and accused tionalist group claimed respon-to others in the settlement.
Among those said to be on the others of being Shin Bet spies.

pen in real life — the morale and psychological response of the soldiers, and so forth," he explained. "We knew already this would be the only such test, and we wanted to make it a standard was already to the last 12 standard was already to the soldiers, and so forth," he explained from Page 1 receiving end is an Arab who converted a few years ago from Islam to Judaism, changed his name from Mahmoud Jabari to Yaacov Ben David and moved from Hebron to Kiryat Arba.

Because the police are providing almost no details, it is impossible to say if the "under-ground" is real or merely a catchy expression, as some Israeli commentators who specialize in security issues bave written. It is also unclear if the arrested men are accused only of plotting future attacks or are implicated in past killings of Arabs, in particular several that took place around Hebron, a hotbed of nationalism for Israelis and Palestinians alike.

In Kiryat Arba, residents cite ment of Prime Minister Yitzhak

DNA 'Match' Links Simpson To Murder Site Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Finai DNA tests in the O.J. Simpson murder case point to him as the source of at least some of the blood drops found near the bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman, according to sources

close to the case. Tests still are being conducted by two laboratories, and some of the results so far are inconclusive.

But a batch of final results forwarded to defense lawyers and prosecutors this week point to a "match" between Mr. Simpson's blood and that of at least two of the drops found in a line leading away from the bodies. sources said.

Tests for the so-called genetic fingerprint could be the most damaging physi-cal evidence to date against the former football great, who has pleaded not guilty to the double murder of his former wife and her friend. Sources also disclosed

Wednesday that a hair found on Mr. Goldman is being analyzed to deter-

mine whether it matches

Mr. Simpson's hair.

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grip on power because it has accentuated his image of exercising such weak influence over Congress.

With only six weeks to go before congressional midterm elections, the loathsome pros-"Clinton's misfortune is that pect of body bags returning home from an adventure that chiding the University in the whole world believes it knows his indecisiveness, including the University in the Univer cluding the Haitian generals," polls indicated a majority of said Germany's conservative American voters find unnecesdaily, Franfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, in an editorial. "Clinsary has deepened the administration's quandary about using ton's long hesitation has grown into a crisis of credibility for With many Democratic con-gressmen already running American foreign policy."

In contrast to previous American incursions into Cainvasion that goes wrong could ruin their chances of holding been little if any outcry in Eu-policemen While the president may have rope about heavy-handed felt he needed time to convince the American public and Congress about the reasons for armed intervention, the long of Haiti's military rulers, as has junta and the ragtag army are throughout Europe about his Only China and Libya have led intervention force.

EUROPE: Clinton Is Perceived Abroad as Indecisive publicly upbraided the United

> now agreed to participate in the markets in Port-au-Prince. American-led invasion, which is rulers who seized power three

support the American military

France said it would participate in the second phase, the establishment of security on the ribbean countries, there has island, by sending about 100 Belgium and Denmark also

American imperialism. All of plan to contribute to an interthe European allies have en-dorsed the use of force to get rid that would enter Haiti after the

delay has raised questions much of the rest of the world. swept away by the American- U.S. Patrol Boat Runs

Into Sandbar Off Haiti WASHINGTON - A U.S.

fast patrol boat, part of the U.S. force assembled for a possible invasion of Haiti, has run

that have been used to intercept craft violating a trade embargo on the military-ruled state, got stuck on a sandbar on Thursday but was likely to float free when the tide rises.

popular. Ine president has said that, but he is the leader. He is the commander in chief, and he believes that this is the right thing to do."]

SUVA, Fiji — Lack of oxygen and internal bleeding caused the death of a stowaway whose body was found jammed is unpopular. It know the timing is unpopular. It know the ti

Continued from Page 1 mushroom cloud. It detonated of tumors and congenital disorders had risen fivefold in the 20,000 tons of TNT, compared

The bomb exploded at an al-

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trees have never grown back.

For Comment on 'Blackies'

Reuters

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish business tycoon Peter Wallenberg apologized Thursday for having used the term "blackies" to describe South African blacks during a televi-

gize to anyone offended."

The comments by Sweden's most powerful industrialist had prompted liberals to call for a boycott of a bank of which he is vice chairman. Two television personalities urged Swedish youth to boycott S-E-Banken. "I don't want to have my money in a bank that is dominated by a person with such racist views," said Cissi Elwin, one of the two.

Mr. Wallenberg, in an hourlong television program entires this week, was asked why he had objected to Sweden's jucilicism of the apartheid system in South Africa, aboushed last year.

said, when they saw what had happened to the livestock. We already had many man-uals written on the tactical use of nuclear weapons, but we wanted to see what would hap-

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Ex-Rightist Leader Murdered in Japan

The Associated Press

TOKYO—The former leader of an ultrarightist group has been shot to death here, the police said Thursday.

The police found Hiroyuki Tanaka, 42, the former leader of the York Panes group lating in

the Kodo Rengo group, lying in a residential parking lot after he had been shot in the left side of the chest, a police official said. Mr. Tanaka died shortly after the police arrived at the scene.

Also a member of a gangster group related to a major crime syndicate. Sumiyoshi-kai, Mr. Tanaka recently stopped his activities with the rightist group.

Residents living near the scene, about 400 meters from Tanaka's home, told the police that they had heard several shots and then saw two said the official, who requested The police would not specu-

late on whether the men were members of the rightist group that Mr. Tanaka had left or gangsters.

Last year, the rightist politi-cal group conducted a series of attacks on the residences of magazine editors who had run stories criticizing Empress Mi-

Because Japan's wartime militarism centered around the Imperial family, rightists are among the royals' strongest supporters.

Mr. Tanaka was arrested earlier this year for carrying banned weapons and received a suspended sentence of three

North Korea Demands Several Billion Dollars'

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service BERLIN - North Korea expects "several billion dollars" in compensation fees as well as international financing of a new reactor program in exchange for overhauling its nuclear tech-. nology program, a senior North

Korean negotiator said The comments followed several days of technical discussions in Berlin between U.S. and North Korean delegations over Washington's insistence that Pyongyang abandon its graphite reactors — the pluto-nium by-products of which could be used to make nuclear weapons — in favor of safer light-water reactors.

Kim Jong U, the leader of the North Korean delegation, said his nation wanted two types of compensation if it acceded to Washington's demands: funds to buy the foreign-designed light-water reactors and reimbursement "for electric losses and investment" following 30 its allies have decided that years of North Korean nuclear Seoul should be the main supyears of North Korean nuclear

Mr. Kim estimated the latter compensation would come to "several billion U.S. dollars." No agreement on costs emerged from the meetings, he said at a news conference, and the issue will be pursued when higherva on Sept. 23.

U.S. delegates refused to take reporters' questions during the discussions, which began Satur-

But news reports in Japan indicated that the United States had proposed that an international consortium contribute \$4 billion over the next decade to finance construction of the light-water reactors.

After months of bellicose threats, the United States and North Korea have sheathed their rhetoric and begun discussing Washington's proposal to replace the graphite reactors with a light-water variant. Pyongyang's apparent acceptance of this idea in principle has given rise to hopes that a major crisis will be averted.

In Berlin on Thursday, Mr. Kim repeated Pyongyang's rejection of a light-water model vanced. The United States and plier of reactor technology, but North Korea has expressed a preference for Russian or Ger-

man reactors. North Korea has the right to select which light-water reactors it receives, Mr. Kim said. "Whether South Korea is to firanking officials meet in Geneva on Sept. 23.

nance the project or not, we are not concerned," he said.



DIVIDED DRIVERS - A truck driver threatening to throw a rock at another driver who had not joined a strike Thursday in Manila. Hundreds of motorists are striking to protest government orders to keep them out of the capital's traffic clogged streets.

made by arch-rival South Korea on grounds that those reactors are not sufficiently ad-

Agence France-Presse

HONG KONG - Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd of Britain on Thursday emphasized the "shared interest" that Britain and China had in ensuring a smooth transfer of power for Hong Kong in 1997.

But the minister, who arrived Thursday for a two-day stay to be briefed on Hong Kong is-sues, conceded that the two York at the end of the month.

sides still had a lot of work to "I've always had good talks

tive Council and legislators. He Chinese sovereignty in 1997. was also to see business leaders. Mr. Hurd said he wanted to be briefed before a meeting with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China during the UN Gener-

get through. with him," he said in words
Mr. Hurd was to meet the measured to shore up confiwith him," he said in words governor, Chris Patten, mem-bers of the Hong Kong Execu-tense run-up to its return to

> But he cautioned that "a big volume of work" remained to be done in the Joint Liaison petition for jobs. Group, where British and Chinese representatives are dis- the population of 150,000 is cussing transition problems. now Chinese, longtime resi-

dents and Western analysts say. Ignorant of Tibetan Buddhist customs and habits, these newcomers often unwittingly offend the devoutly religious Ti-betans, as well as longtime build a house." Chinese residents.

Chinese officials concede

come to Tibet in recent years.

But they say they have been

drawn by economic opportuni-

ty, not as part of a plan to displace the Tibetans, as the Ti-

betan exile community claims.

admire the Chinese for their en-

don't save or invest their money

Two years ago, Chinese offi-

"They would say to these no-

mads, "If you've got eight yaks, what's the next best thing?,' " a

cials tried a grassroots cam-paign to teach the fundamen-

tals of a market economy.

To be sure, many Tibetans

streets.

Militants Behead 13 Algerians

Civilians Kidnapped in 2 Separate Attacks

of terrorists."

lead nearly three years ago.

10,000 people have been killed.

TUNIS - Muslim militants have decapitated

13 Algerian civilians this week, 12 of them

rounded up in a night raid on a village, the independent Algerian newspaper El Watan said

Thursday.
The daily, usually well-informed on security

issues, said another civilian, a 20-year-old wom-

an, was beheaded after being kidnapped from her home in Medea, south of Algiers. "Her head-less body was found a few hundred meters from

It said about a dozen Islamists armed with

knives and rifles kidnapped 12 inhabitants of

Sidi Bakhti village in Tiaret district, about 220

kilometers (140 miles) southwest of Algiers dur-

"The 12 were savagely mutilated, then decapitated," El Watan said, adding "The 12 bodies, drained of their blood, were found the morning

after by security forces."

Three people in Algeria's eastern Oum El

Bouaghi area had also been "mutilated and had

their throats slit," the paper added, without giving any source for its report.

El Watan commented: "At the moment when

her house," the newspaper said.

ing Tuesday night.

nese settlers. Accurate figures for the ethnic breakdown of Tibet's population are difficult to obtain and are disputed by Chinese officials and the Tibetan exile community. Many Western analysts say the exile community's fighave caught and eaten a few of ures are highly exaggerated. the mongrels that roam Lhasa's

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Tibetans might kill us all if

things get worse," he said, refer-

ring to clashes in the late 1960s

during the Cultural Revolution,

when Tibetans killed some Chi-

Tibet, with a population of 2.2 million, has an estimated 66,000 ethnic Chinese with permanent residence status, according to Chinese officials.

Not included are another 40.000 Chinese entrepreneurs who are part of an unofficial "floating population" and 40,000 to 65,000 soldiers and paramilitary police, putting the total Chinese population in Tibet at no more than 8 percent. It is the recent influx of entre-

preneurs that has triggered old animosities. The newcomers have come to seek their fortunes. Loosened controls over where Chinese can live and work have allowed laborers to and don't like to take risks, said flood the Lhasa area in the past a Tibetan government worker. few years. They often can earn double what they make at home, where there is more com-

In Lhasa, about 50 percent of

TIBET: Invasion of Chinese Workers Raises Tensions Western analyst recounted. "The nomads would say, "Nine yaks. The Chinese would say, "No, sell a yak, then you get

taking part in it." he said.

the state presidency has announced the release of

leaders of the banned Islamic Salvation Front

peaceful citizens have been beheaded by a group

by officials on Muslim fundamentalists since the

Islamic Salvation Front was thwarted of victory

in a general election in which it had taken a huse

The authorities scrapped the poll in January

1992. In the violence since then, more than

Earlier this week, in a bid to halt the blood-shed, President Liamine Zeroual announced that

three senior men of the Salvation Front had been

freed from fail and the banned party's president,

Abbassi Madani, and his deputy, Ali Belhadj, had been transferred from prison to house arrest.

In a statement on Thursday, a former prime

"So far measures of appeasement have only

minister, Redha Malek, said concessions to fun-

damentalists risked aggravating the situation.

benefited terrorism, and dialogue has only in-

creased pressure on the government by parties

Algeria has been shaken by violence blamed

But to the average nomad, They often do not observe living 14,500 feet above sea levthe practice of walking clockel without running water or wise around temples and monelectricity in a climate where asteries. And, to the horror of winter lasts nine months, the feeling was, "What's the point?" the analyst said. Tibetans, who believe dogs are the last reincarnation before rebirth as humans, some Chinese

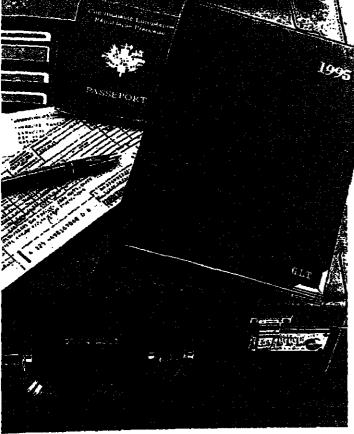
Body of Guide that more ethnic Chinese have Found in Cyprus

The Associated Press NICOSIA - The body of a Danish tour guide, allegedly kidnapped and murdered by three British soldiers, was found Thursday in a shallow grave, the coroner here said.

terprise, while blaming their "This is definitely the body disadvantage on their cultural and historical differences. of the missing Danish woman Louise Jensen," he said at the Tibetans give freely to beg-gars and donate huge sums to burial spot, on the outskirts of the east coast town of Paratemples in hopes of finding salvation in the next life. Tibetans

The 23-year-old woman had been missing since early Tues-day, when she was allegedly kidnapped by three British soldiers while riding a motorcycle with a friend in the tourist resort of Ayia Napa, eight kilometers (five miles) south of Paralimni. The soldiers were arrested Tuesday.

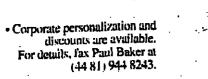
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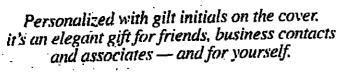


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A Victory for Stability

Government's New Look

A large part of the political debate in Standard Form 171, which may have

Two Wars, One Budget

It did not take long for the Pentagon's ple arsenal of weapons that can outper-"bottom-up review" to bottom out. That form any in the rest of the world. But

has restored the separatist party to power in Quebec is heartening news for North America. Splitting Canada in two would be wrong, but the vote count suggests that Quebeckers are not ready to do it. For the United States, and for continental stability, it is a reassuring indication that our northern neighbor — closest ally, biggest trading partner and best friend — will continue to be all of those things.

The victory of the separatist Parti Québecois was expected. The party will have a solid majority in the provincial Parliament, but pre-election polls predicted it would be significantly larger. Moreover, the separatists' failure to win 50 percent of the popular vote, and their slim margin over the Liberal candidates — less than one-half of 1 percent -- say voters are less than enthusiastic about their new government's aim to create a sovereign nation. Indeed, the Liberals' defeat had more to do with high unemployment and low re-

gard for the party after nine years in office. The United States has political, economic and neighborly interests in keeping Canada whole, as well as a desire to avoid the chaotic unknown. As a global superpower, America wants stability on its bor-

ders, not neighbors engaged in a divorce.

Considering also that the United States and Canada are each other's and the world's largest trading partners, the value and reliability of this relationship is far preferable to the barriers likely to rise in the wake of a split. Finally, long-term friendship says that if the great majority of Canadians prefer unity, which they do,

America revolves around what govern-

ment should do. Too little of it concerns

how government should do what it does.

Many Americans who support the idea of

the government undertaking worthy pro-

jects turn away from specific programs not

because they are selfish or because they're

bamboozled by special interests, but be-

cause they question a program's design and wonder if it will do all its sponsors

claim. These concerns about government's

performance, in turn, are not the result of blind cynicism but of legitimate questions

raised by past actions and failures.

That is why the quiet work of Vice President Al Gore's reinventing government project has been genuinely impor-

tant. Mr. Gore's mandate from the presi-

dent has been to re-examine and reform

many of the routine acts government un-

dertakes, from the way it buys things to

the way it hires people to the way it responds to citizen inquiries. The high-profile aspect of Mr. Gore's effort in-

volves reducing the size of the government's payroll — and that, quite surprisingly, has actually happened. As reported in The Post, 78,000 federal workers have departed since Bill Clinton

took office, and the government will shed

efforts may be more pronounced in less

showy areas. The administration has

junked the 10,000-page Federal Personnel Manual and abolished the notorious

review, undertaken last year, adopted the

premise that the United States should pre-

pare to wage two regional wars simulta-

neously. The force levels needed to satisfy

that requirement were certain to put up-

ward pressure on the defense budget, cur-

is a mismatch between those force require-

ments and the means to pay for them. The

budgetary shortage, by the Pentagon's cal-

culations, will exceed \$40 billion over the

next five years. Taking a grimmer view of

the requirements for a two-war strategy,

the Government Accounting Office puts

To close the gap, Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch has asked the armed

services to consider deferring or canceling

purchases of new weapons. The Pentagon

will have to do that and more if it is to

avoid putting the squeeze on readiness. Mr. Deutch has identified many of the

weapons that the United States could

safely do without: the army's Comanche

helicopter and Advanced Field Artillery

System, the air force's F-22 stealth fighter

plane and air-launched Tri-Service

Standoff Attack Missile, and the Marine

Corps' V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft. He

also wants to slow purchases of the navy's

new attack submarine and Arleigh

Delaying these programs would not diminish America's defenses or dull its

technological edge. It already has an am-

Burke-class destroyers.

the gap closer to \$150 billion.

Now the Pentagon concedes that there

rently \$263 billion, for years to come.

But the lasting impact of Mr. Gore's

0 more over the next year.

The narrowness of the popular vote that the United States should support them. Canada has been through several Quebec crises; this one may not be the last. Jacques Parizeau, the Parti Québécois leader, promises a referendum on sovereignty next year. But even if the majority vote to stay in Canada, the cultural solit between English Canada and the French in Quebec will not fade away. It is part of Canada - a humane, multicultural soci-

ety, albeit sometimes quarrelsome.

Meanwhile, one way or another, Mr. Parizeau promises to stir up trouble with the federal government in Ottawa. On matters where provincial cooperation is called for, such as social reforms, he says Quebec will refuse to participate. On lo-cal matters, he has ideas for public projects to cut unemployment and prove that his government is better than Ottawa's.

On sovereignty, the party has laid out three steps: an immediate parliamentary resolution saying Quebec should split, even before a referendum to determine the popular will; preparation of a new constitution, a huge task itself, and nego-tiations with Ottawa on arrangements for separation, which Ottawa would surely reject before a referendum and would fight if the referendum carried.

All three steps looked less certain the morning after the election, but this battle is far from over. In power, the Parti Québécois may yet convince the majority of Quebeckers they would be better off as a nation apart. That would be unfortunate for all concerned, including their neighbor to the south

been the world's most ungainly job appli-

cation form. The Department of Housing

and Urban Development closed its 10

regional offices in April on the theory

that they amounted to an unnecessary

layer of bureaucracy. Congress is on the

verge of passing a bill to overhaul the

government's cumbersome procurement

system. And the Gore initiative has en-

couraged federal workers around the na-

tion to come up with their own proposals

to simplify procedures and reorganize

functions in ways that would save money.

still many questions about where this

project will lead. There are concerns

about whether the reductions in the work

force will take place where they should.

There is still much to be done to get the

balance right between Congress's prerog-atives to oversee programs and Mr. Gore's sensible desire to avoid congres-

sional micromanagement. Some of the

project's initiatives — for example, to restructure the country's air traffic con-

trol system — ran into brick walls. But on balance, Mr. Gore and his lieu-

tenants have been giving incrementalism

- the effort to bring about gradual but

sustainable reforms — a good name. An administration that has had problems with

grand plans should consider whether the

consciously experimental approach of the

reinventing government project might of-fer clues on how to progress in other areas.

form any in the rest of the world. But

postponing procurements will not suffice

to close the budget gap. The Pentagon

will also have to re-examine the overall size of its forces — 13 divisions of ground troops and 26 air wings on active duty —

and look for places to reduce redundan-cy. A recent Congressional Budget Office

study identifies several places to do just

that. One is to cut contingency forces for

rapid deployment overseas. The Marine

Corps has three divisions of such troops.

The army has four more: one airborne,

one air assault and two light infantry

divisions. It has little use for the light

infantry. Moreover, it has not conducted

a parachute assault using an entire divi-

sion since World War II; it could rely on

special forces for that mission. Eliminat-

ing three divisions would save \$14.5 bil-

The Marine task forces have their own F/A-18 planes for air support. They have

no need for the pavy to augment them.

Cutting the navy's complement of F/A-18's would save \$1 billion. The air force

and the navy have more than enough

bombers and fighter-bombers deployed around the world to make at least 2 of 12

carrier battle groups unnecessary. Eliminating them would save \$6.8 billion over five years. Postponing unnecessary procurements and rearranging outmoded

roles and missions would assure the Penta-

gon of the forces it needs without sacrific-

readiness or increasing its budget.

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None of this is Utopia, and there are

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The Case for Invasion Does Not Hold Up

TOS ANGELES — It is disconcerting to L watch the Clinton administration ready American forces for the upcoming invasion of Haiti under the pretext that they are restoring democracy in the person of the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide. This is a man who himself undermined the always shaky rule of law in Haiti, shut down its Parliament and organized a private gang of enforcers on the model of Jean-Claude Duvalier's Tontons Macoutes - inciting violence.

It is dismal to hear the administration call this planned military operation a "police action" rather than a war, thereby seeking to evade the constitutional requirement for the consent of Congress, and pretend that the authorization of the UN Security Council is enough to spend half a billion dollars and risk U.S. lives — as if President Bill Clinton were no longer responsible to the people.

It is cynical for a government endlessly searching for negotiated peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina to speak of having exhausted all alternatives but war in Haiti, when we know that the U.S. government has discouraged efforts of Venezuela and "the five" Latin governments to resume talks. Haiti's military government has repeatedly indicated that it is ready and willing to join in new negotiations.

It is especially objectionable to hear offi-cials and partisans of the Clinton administration cite the U.S. military action in Grenada as a precedent for the Chinton team's expected decision to invade Haiti. In fact, a comparison between the situations in Grenada, in October 1983, and Haiti, September 1994, demonstrates what kind of problems actually engage American interests and justify the use of force.

First, Haiti poses no urgent threat to the life and limbs of Americans, but Grenada's violent rulers constituted a clear and present danger in a situation of extreme violence. On By Jeane Kirkpatrick

Oct. 19, 1983, Grenada's Marxist prime minister. Maurice Bishop, and five members of his cabinet were shot in cold blood by Mr. Bishop's Cuban-trained deputy, Bernard Coard. A round-the-clock, shoot-on-sight curriew was then imposed by Mr. Coard and his associates. The airport was closed, trapping some 1,000 American citizens, including several hundred American medical students, who were held under guard, incommunicado. Their lives were judged to be in real danger.

Second, Haiti has no strategic importance to the United States, but the United States and others in the region had a serious strategic interest in Grenada, Even before U.S. forces landed, it was clear that Grenada had been transformed into a base for the projection of Soviet and Cuban military power in the Caribbean. The largest airstrip in the Western Hemisphere was nearing comple-tion under Cuban auspices. The flow of military traffic to and from Grenada was causing widespread anxiety among Grena-da's island neighbors. Their fears were amply confirmed by the discovery of 800 armed Cuban troops and six warehouses filled with advanced Russian weapons: hundreds of crates of heavy artillery, anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, grenade launchers, crates of AK-47s and so forth.

Previously secret treaties between Grenada and the Soviet Union, Grenada and Cuba, and Grenada and North Korea further illuminated plans for making Grenada a major base for guerrilla operations in the Caribbean basin. So clearly there was a strategic interest. Third, Haiti poses no threat to peace and

security of the region, but with good reason, America and most Caribbean nations perceived Grenada as a threat. The weapons caches and documents found there offered ample confirmation for these concerns.

That is why prime ministers of the Caribbean states — Edward Seago of Jamaica, Tom Adams of Barbados, Eugenia Charles of Dominica — appealed to the United States and the United Nations for help. With datarich presentations, they described the destabilizing effects on the region of the extension of Soviet-Cuban power to Grenada.

Fourth, surprise is not a necessary element of the Clinton plan for deposing the government of Haiti, but secrecy and dispatch were needed to save American students from the violent men who had seized power in Grenada. The Reagan administration, therefore, did not consult with the U.S. Congress and did not have its consent. Moreover, since these events occurred at the height of the Cold War, when the Soviet Union would veto any act against a communist state, there was no question of seeking UN authorization.

Though warmly applauded by a large majority of the American public, the Rea-gan administration was vociferously de-nounced in the United Nations by the Soviet and nonaligned blocs and by liberal Democrats in the Congress. One group of congressmen was especially bitter. The Black Caucus, which today urges action in Haiti, strenuously denounced the liberation of Grenada — even after the American students had kissed the ground and shared their terror on national television.

I have heard that top officials of the Clinton administration expect that once the military lands in Haiti, the American public will rally round and the action will prove a source of new political support for the president. That could be, but don't count on it. The American people have an uncanny sense for what is and is not a vital national interest.

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Mr. Mitterrand undoubtedly

A Sufferer's Fatal Stab At the Top

By Joel Achenbach

WASHINGTON - Every-W one's initial reaction to Monday's plane crash at the White House was consternation that Socret Service agents posted at the mansion didn't shoot down the plane with one of the shoulderlaunched Stinger missiles they are rumored to have, or with some kind of previously undisclosed futuristic surface-to-air paralysis beam, or at the very least with one of those Uzi submachine guns they keep folded inside their wallets.

Crashing an airplane into the White House is so obvious a stunt that one naturally assumes that appropriate defenses have been deployed. Surely the government has a procedure for this sort of thing. Yet a Secret Service spokesman said the agents on & hand only had "enough time to run for cover."

Was this evidence of a dreaded Breakdown in the System? Soon after the crash there ma-

terialized on television various individuals who called themselves security consultants. These experts explained that a guard firing a Stinger missile might destroy a harmless off-course plane loaded with Girl Scouts, or the rocket might miss and instead bring down a commercial airliner flying into National Airport.

The fact is that the best restraint against attacks on government leaders or institutions is simply our own civility. Americans have to understand that there is no procedural guarantee against calamity. Our best hope is decency.

writings, Mr. Mitterrand was un-til April 1943 "among the most intransigent of Perainistes." In a democracy, leaders are al-ways vulnerable. The White House is not exactly a fortress. It doesn't did no worse during the war years help matters that Clinton is devilmay-care about his security.

Just about the only president

who is completely safe from harm these days is Ulysses S. Grant. This is as it must be. We don't entomb living presidents.

Anyone who thinks Monday's

plane crash reveals some glitch in presidential security is being un-realistic. The real glitch in the system was Frank Corder. Even deviant behavior has certain norms, and he violated them.

Investigators aren't sure what Mr. Corder was up to. At first this looked like a wacky assassination attempt, then like a suicide, but it's possible Mr. Corder simply had a couple of beers and tried to pull off a publicity stunt.

Mr. Corder's nutty demise doesn't mean he was a nut. He wasn't a man divorced from reality. He wasn't a frustrated revolutionary. He was a loser, but that's had an idea what he was doing, but he apparently botched it, just as he probably botched a lot of other things in his life.

It's a tragedy for a man to die that way at the age of 38; it's also

pathetic, hokey, cheap.

It's amazing to think that not that long ago human beings managed to live their entire lives without presuming to inflict themselves on everyone else. They fell in love, had kids, triumphed, suffered, agonized, struggled, and they did it all privately. To make a spectacle of oneself was the height of foolishness. Fame was

There is grace is obscurity.

There is nothing scarier than a mediocre man with a mission. Almost every assassin in the nation's history - and anyone who nearly rams the president's bedroom can

has been a pathetic mess. Now comes Mr. Corder, with his fatal stab at social climbing in the American celebritocracy. Mr. Corder's brother says he "always wanted to be on top." He was at a dicey age for men, 38, when failure mocks the ambitions of youth. Mr. Corder's father had recently died;

he was living in a car. Frank suffered. Frank dreamed. But Frank should have spared us. May he rest in peace, and may we all, sooner rather

The Washington Post.

Mitterrand Fails the Unforgiving Test of History

DARIS — In the end, it is a I question of character. Dur-ing nearly a half-century, François Mitterrand has constructed a political career founded on personal ambition and dominat-

Charles de Gaulle. Mr. Mitterrand is nearing the end of his second seven-year term as president of the Fifth Republic, which de Gaulle founded. De Gaulle never completed one full term, resigning his office in 1969 as old age closed on him, and in the aftermath of the popular upheaval of May 1968.

Mr. Mitterrand now is old, too. Old and very ill, from prostate cancer. He said last week of his illness, "I think that it will be obliging enough to allow me to finish my mandate" - which ends next spring. He said that to die was iess a concern to him than no longer to live, as he has books he wants to write. "But a book takes time, and I no longer have

He is old, ill, and now he sees that his effort to control how history will regard him has failed. He recently allowed himself to be interviewed for a book on his youth and the war years. This has just come out. Last week he gave two long newspaper interviews dealing with the same subjects. On Monday he was interviewed for an hour and a half on television. The result has been an abrupt disintegration of his reputation, and of the authority of his

presidency as well. He has tried to explain his

connection to the wartime Vichy government, his right-wing associations as a young man, and his lasting relationship with René Bousquet, head of the Vichy po-

death camps. The president's response to the television questioning was defiant, and seemingly calm, although his hands constantly twisted. Yet, as the evening went on, what began as an interview

became an interrogation, and Mr. Mitterrand's answers became a plea for sympathy: that he be judged with consideration for his family and upbringing, the con-text of the times, his constant commitment, he said, to social justice. He insisted that he was at peace with himself, and that he hoped to be regarded as having done more in his life that was positive than was negative.

It was moving in a way, but in the end there seemed more to be pitied than to be admired. Everyone had known that Mr. Mitterrand was compromised by having served Marshal Petain until 1942. Later he was part of the Resistance. But his conversion turns out to have come only in 1943, when the tide of the war had changed, and his conduct in the Resistance served to launch his postwar political career.

His comments on Vichy were equivocal. He claims to have

By William Pfaff known nothing of Vichy's anti-semitic legislation and deporta-tions of Jews. Vichy's first antisemitic law, which excluded Jews

> Mitterrand, as he expressed it in Vichy publications during 1942-1943, by the historian Claire Andrieu. She concludes that while the documentation is incomplete. she is, as a historian, compelled to draw the provisional conclusion that on the basis of his own

An Ignorant Jury Can't Serve Justice

116 questions.

By Newton N. Minow and Fred H. Cate

E VANSTON, Illinois — Jury selection in the O. J. Simpson trial promises to be another quixotic search for jurors who know nothing about one of the nation's most celebrated criminal cases. Judge Lance Ito of Los Angeles Superior Court has predicted that he will need to question at least 1,000 potential jurors to find 12 who know sufficiently little to be qualified to serve.

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees every person accused of a crime the right to a trial by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed." The standard for selecting jurors is impartiality, not ignorance.

Yet attorneys in newsworthy trials often claim that pretrial publicity will interfere with a fair trial. As media coverage of such trials has increased, so has the frequency and intensity of these claims. As a result, more and more courts spend days, even weeks, in the search of jurors who know nothing about some of the most widely cov-cred events of the decade: the bombing of the World Trade Center, the beating of Rodney King, the grounding of the Ex-xon Valdez oil tanker.

These courts engage in excruciating questioning of potential jurors in an attempt to weed out those who know too much. Potential jurors in the rape trial of Mike Tyson had to answer 78 written questions, including whether they had ever belonged to the National Organization for Women, gone to a boxing match, played com-petitive sports, studied psychiatry, psychology or sociology, and how often they attended religious services.

In the case of two men ac-

cused of beating the truck driver Reginald Denny during the Los Angeles riots, potential jurors faced 45 pages containing experiences and knowledge.

Such questioning increases the costs and delays of criminal trials, and disserves the interests of justice. Impartiality is guaranteed not by the search for people who are uninformed, but by the commitment of those selected for jury service to do justice.

Judges already instruct jurors to consider only what they have heard in the courtroom and what the judge has accepted into the record. In almost every case, this means jurors are told to disregard something they have seen or heard in the courtroom. And we

trust them to do so. More important, we trust the integrity and judgment of jurors in the final verdict. In the past, black Americans

and women were often excluded from juries, until the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that a jury of only one race or one gender is not representative of the community. A jury from which citizens who seek to be well-informed have been systematically excluded is equally unrepresentative.

The Sixth Amendment guarantees a defendant's right to trial by impartial jury, not impartial jurors. Perhaps the nation's founders recognized that impartial people — in the sense of people without bias, opinion or projudice — do not exist. Rather than base the protection of fundamental judicial rights on an unrealistic and unobtainable concept, the Sixth Amendment depends instead on the roughand-tumble interaction of 12

members of the community. Each of those 12 citizens brings his or her own experi- The Washington Post.

ences and knowledge into the jury box. The verdict is not merely the sum of 12 independent votes; rather, it is the product of deliberation, of the interaction among the 12 sets of

Extensive questioning and challenges pose a more serious threat to the fundamental fairness of the verdict than exposure to any media coverage. If the membership of the panel is skewed by the selection process, then the fundamental guarantee of fairness - the diversity and breadth of experi-ences and views — is likely to be compromised.

Moreover, the skills of discernment that most citizens exercise and refine daily in evaluating the barrage of news, advertisement and rhetoric presented by the media may help jurors be both impartial and capable. The jury that excludes the informed majority of citizens can be neither.

Mark Twain's warning in 1871, describing a jury trial in Virginia City, Nevada, is even more applicable today:
"A minister, intelligent, es-

teemed and greatly respected: a merchant of high character and known probity; a mining superintendent of intelligence and unblemished reputations ... were all questioned in the same way and all set aside. Each said the public talk and the newspaper reports had not biased his mind. ... But of course such men could not be trusted with the case. Ignoramuses alone could mete out un-sullied justice."

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Anarchist Plot?

BERLIN — During the visit of the Emperor to Marienburg a number of Anarchist placards were discovered posted up in various parts of the town. As a result of the inquiry made into the affair, all the soldiers in the 15th Army Corps of the name of Kowalski have been arrested. Forty men have been sent to the military prison under a strong escort.

1919: Journalists Tried

BRUSSELS - On charges of having, in time of war, aided the progress of the enemy armies and attempting to corrupt the loyalty of Belgian troops and citizens, sixteen journalistic hirelings of the Germans during the occupation are about to be tried. It has been shown during the prelimi-nary investigation that two newspapers "Le Bruxellois" and "La

Belgique" were deliberately used to deceive and demoralize the population by presenting the events of the war in a guise favorable to the enemy and prejudicial to the Allies. All the regular Belgian newspapers had chosen to suspend publication rather than appear under boche censorship.

1944: Across Germany WITH AMERICAN AD-VANCE FORCES — From our

New York edition:] Riding through German towns and villages burned out by our longrange artillery, the American troops are receiving a quiet reception. The German civilians do not dare be hostile, for that would subject them to the rules of war. On the other hand, they do not dare be cordial lest the Gestapo punish them. For the most part the Germans just stand and stare as our troops go by.

than many others, and a great deal better than most. But his from the public service — of ed by his sense of rivalry with lice, accused of crimes against humanity in 1983, held to be rewhich he was a part — was passed in October 1940. subsequent career as defender of republican values and human rights against the forces of reacsponsible for the dispatch of French and foreign Jews to Nazi On Thursday, Le Monde published a devastating analysis of the political thought of the young tion fits uneasily with what now has been confirmed. The picture

of opportunism and political cynicism that emerges goes much beyond the reputation Mr. Mitterrand has always enjoyed as "the Florentine," the consummate calculator. His Socialist followers, certainly, are now demoralized.

He always considered de Gaulle his challenge. He says that he clashed with de Ganlle at their first meeting, in Algiers in 1943. He opposed de Gaulle in the postwar political struggle, and made a successful career in the changing coalitions of the Fourth Republic. He was a minister in governments waging the Indochina and Algerian wars, and ran against de Gaulle in the presidential election of 1965. He condemned de Gaulle's Fifth Repub-

lic as "a permanent coup d'état." His election to the presidency of that republic in 1981, and reelection in 1988, seemed a victory over his old enemy.
But in the end it has proven a defeat. History will certainly ac-

knowledge the great accomplishment of Mr. Mitterrand, which has been to modernize the French left and turn it into a mainstream force in French political life. But he has left the Socialist party divided, and discredited by a series of financial scandals reaching into the presidential palace itself. History will deal more harshly with the man himself, who made

use of the old parties and forces of the left to advance himself, and then cast them aside. He made equally cynical use of the right, lending indirect support to the extremist National Front in order to weaken the mainstream right.

De Gaulle escaped partisan definition, saying that he served a "certain idea of France": that "it must aim high and hold itself straight, on pain of mortal dan-ger." His acknowledged oppor-tunism was in that cause. He was a man of principle, who drew others to principled action.

The liberal journalist Jean Daniel has said that by his wartime leadership, "De Gaulle allowed me to remain myself." Mr. Mitterrand's loyal followers today feel themselves diminished by their political commitment. That contrast tells it all.

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Fatal Stal Is Ticking At the To On Bosnia

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — After the president has addressed the nation about his need to make good on his stream of threats to the Haitian junta; after partisans in Congress do their mutual somersaults on the War Powers Act; after we hail a victory over a pipsqueak principality in a war of nerves or forces — then a real foreign policy crisis will have to be faced.

The Bosnian clock now stands at one month to midnight. Being put to the test is the credibility of NATO and the strength of the new relationship between the United States and Russia. Much good diplomatic work has

been done. The United States brokered the renewal of the alliance between Bosnia's Muslims and Croats to strike a balance of power and a division of territory with the Bosnian Serbs. After a shaky start, the marriage is solidifying, which shores up the victims of Serbian aggression. Meanwhile, the eco-nomic squeeze put on Belgrade has had the desired effect of splitting the Serbs. Belgrade is now willing to accept monitors to watch Serbia cut off aid to its rogue compatriots in Bosnia, in return for a UN lifting of sanctions against Serbia. That isolates the local aggressors.

The only trouble: It's not working. The Bosnian Serbs refuse to accept the peace deal that the United Nations persuaded their victims to swallow. They snipe at civilians, murder UN soldiers and threaten to shoot down the Pope's plane if he visits besieged Sarajevo. Their goal is never to compromise but to conquer and "cleanse."

Thus has the world learned that the way to make peace with the Bosnian Serbs is to put guns to their heads. But the United Nations has embargoed the sale of guns to Bosnians. That leaves the well-armed aggressors with the firepower advantage. President Bill Clinton has been unable to persuade the British and French, who have peacekeeping troops in Bosnia. to lift the embargo and even up the power balance. They prefer to dither than to hunker down or get out; in effect, they are "protecting' the Muslims out of their country.

Mr. Clinton's impotence with American allies led the U.S. Senate to propose — and the president to embrace in an Aug. 10 letter to Sam Nunn - an ultimatum with a deadline. "If the Bosnian Serbs have not accepted the contact group's pro-



posal of July 6, 1994 . . . by October 15, 1994," reads the Senate's amendment to the defense appropriation bill, not yet voted on by the House, the President ... should formally introduce and support a resolution in the UN Security Council ... to terminate the international arms embargo." If that proposal is vetoed, says the Senate, the president should submit a plan to lift the embargo unilaterally; Mr. Clinton's letter would not go beyond pledging to seek a vote on "multilateral termi-

nation" of the embargo.

The clock has been ticking. On
Sept. 28, Boris Yeltsin arrives for his fifth Clinton summit. That meeting's success depends on Mr. Clinton's ability to persuade the

U.S. resolution to arm the Bosnian helped Mr. Yeltsin make a deal with Ukraine to give up its nukes, and the Russian kept his word to pull troops out of the Baltics. Moscow has been helpful with Belgrade; now comes the crunch. A New York Times editorial

("Bosnia and the Embargoes," IHT, Sept. 13) suggests linking the lifting of economic sanctions on Belgrade to the lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnia. Good idea; that would enable the Russians to go along, and put the issue to Britain's John Major and France's Edouard Balladur: Who wants to veto the U.S. resolution? Such a veto would split the Russian president to support the Atlantic alliance, invite a radical

drawdown of U.S. troops in Europe defenders. The two have worked and undermine what would be left well together before: Mr. Clinton of NATO after its failure in Bosnia. of NATO after its failure in Bosnia. That would be an isolationist's dream, brought about by the intransigence of the Bosnian Serbs com-

pounded by the shortsightedness of Mr. Major and Mr. Balladur. But the British and French are not so foolish; they'll vote with the United States and withdraw their peacekeepers, selling the Bosnians their on-site equipment.

If Mr. Clinton is steadfast, reject-

ing the defeatist counsel of General Shilly-shally and the CIA, he can bring along the allies and level the field of fire in Bosnia. Success would be remembered long after the brouhaha in Haiti is forgotten.

The New York Times.

A Hero of Entebbe, Welcome This Time

E NTEBBE. Uganda — There are two airports at Entebbe: a large, modern one where a steadily growing number of flights from Europe and Asia prove Uganda's reputation as an island of peace and progress in an Africa, and the old airport a few hundred meters away with its bulletnidden shell of a terminal building Jonathan Nethanyahu. One passenserving as a monument to the country's past horrors.

It was to the old airport that Sorin Herschu came on a recent September morning, rolling his wheelchair across the tarmac where he had arrived 18 years ago.

On the morning of July 4, 1976. Lieutenant Herschu and the group of Israeli commandos he belonged to came sweeping in from Lake Victoria in three Hercules aircraft. They appeared out of the blue a few hours before a deadline that five Palestinian and two German hijackers had set for killing their 103 hostages. A week earlier, the hi-jackers had forced an Air France light en route from Tel Aviv to Paris to fly to Entebbe. As the week passed, they had released most of those aboard, but threatened to kill the remaining Jewish and Israeli passengers and the crew if Israel and four other countries did not release 53 Palestinian prisoners.

Lieutenant Herschu's task was to secure the main terminal building. As he stormed up the stairs to the roof, he faced an Ugandan soldier who fired a shot before he was killed by the Israeli commandos. That shot hit Mr. Herschu in the mouth and shattered his spinal cord. A few hours later, he underwent surgery by Israeli doctors in Kenya.

"We had expected much higher numbers of casualties, and had flown in a large medical facility. which was waiting in Nairobi," Mr. Herschu said.

By Jon Lidén

All seven hijackers were killed in the 35-minute operation, together with 20 Ugandan soldiers, three hostages and the commander of the Israeli troops, Lieutenant Colonel ger who had freed by the hijackers and hospitalized in Kampala for medical treatment. Dora Bloch, was later killed by Idi Amin's thugs.

The day of the raid was the last day of Sorin Herschu's three-year military service. It had started with

MEANWHILE

the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, and the Entebbe drama had come as he was preparing for his end-of-duty celebrations and a civilian life.

Mr. Herschu woke up from the anaesthesia to find himself para-lyzed from the neck down. He was confined to a bed, and later, thanks to a year of rehabilitation and a lot of willpower, to a wheelchair.

"I have wanted to come back for many years," said Mr. Herschu, watching a cultural show in the garden of a Kampala hotel, visibly tired after a week of many impressions and strong emotions.

For a long time, returning to Entebbe was not possible. Uganda continued to suffer from terror and war for another 10 years after the Entebbe raid. Idi Amin was overthrown by a Tanzanian invasion in 1979, and after a year of instability, Milton Obote, a former Ugandan ruler. took power and started a second terror regime. Before Yoweri Museveni drove him from power in 1986. close to I million Ugandans had lost

their lives. Uganda was devastated.

Idi Amin had taken the raid on Entebbe as a personal insult, and

point within Greece: when or if an while similar items in Athens have

item in a public museum should be been greatly damaged by the corro-

most Ugandans were angered by the killing of Ugandan soldiers. For more than a decade, relations between Uganda and Israel were frosty. President Museveni, however, has rebuilt his country through a policy of reconciliation — a policy he has also directed at Uganda's former enemies. So when the two countries normalized relations some weeks ago. Sorin Herschu knew it was time to go. The mayor of Entebbe extended an invitation to Mr. Herschu, and an Israeli

newspaper paid for the trip. Mr. Herschu is a hero in Israel, a symbol of the country's readiness and ability to defend its Jewish citizens and not let itself be blackmailed by terrorists.

Does he regret that he volun-teered for the raid?

"I regret that I got wounded," he said, closing a painful subject. Instead, he talked about being a veteran in Israel. "The situation for veterans is probably the best in the world," he said. "You cannot compare it to any other country."

Mr. Herschu has become a celebrity in Uganda as well. Seeing his visit as one more step toward burying a traumatic past, Ugandans welcomed him enthusiastically. His arrival was front-page news; the week he spent here was filled with receptions, dinners and sightseeing in the company of his hosts. They hope that the bul-let-ridden airport will become an attraction for Israeli tourists.

After years of quiet decay, the old airport is again abuzz with activity. U.S. military planes of the same kind that brought Mr. Herschu to Entebbe 18 years ago are ferrying emergency aid to the victims of the Rwandan war. Yet, surrounded by journalists, his Ugandan hosts and American military personnel who wanted their photos taken with him, Mr. Herschu was very much on his own.

'For me, there are only personal reasons for being here." he said. "I came with the journalists because I knew that would make it easier to get access to the old airport and see the place where I was shot. If anything good can come out of this for Uganda or Israel, that is fine. But I came for myself to see this place once again. It is a place where my life was completely changed."

Mr. Lidén is a writer based in Hong Kong. He contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Writer in Prison

Wole Soyinka ("A Brutal Feudal Minority May Be Destroying Nigeria," Opinion, Aug. 23) refers to the imprisonment and ill health of the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa. Mr. Saro-Wiwa is well known in Nigeria for his television plays, which he adapted for schools. An amusing satirist whose subject matter concerns the linguistic, social, moral and political chaos of postcolonial Africa, he has been outspoken about Nigerian corruption and the lack of respect for human rights and democracy. Something must be done to save his life.

BRUCE KING.

White House Defense

rity?" (Sept. 13):

camera with a laser rangefinder.

In response to the report "How Did Pilot Breach the White House's Secu-I would imagine that the Secret

Service has found a weak point in White House security after that airborne intrusion. Imagine if it had been a determined terrorist. The White House is as vulnerable as a ship dead in the water. I would think that the same systems used to protect navy ships would be appropriate in the White House case: a low-level air defense system directed by an automatic fire-control system consisting of a tracking radar, TV and infrared

cannon using fragmentation ammunition that would not carry farther than a set engagement zone; one could even incorporate a fire-andforget short-range missile system. Existing examples of this type of de-fense system provide all-weather. day-and-night automatic detection. tracking and engagement - all within six seconds, plenty of time to safeguard the White House.

> PETER B. MARTIN, Valorionde, France

Artworks Far From Home

Jules Dassin's call for the return of the Elgin Marbles to Greece (Letters, Aug. 31) illustrates a growing muse-This system could incorporate a um problem as well as a festering sore

item has been stolen, it should be a possible wrong at the risk of losing returned. If an item has been legitithese classical artifacts forever or to returned. If an item has been legitimately acquired from the (then) ruling government of a country and is people to enjoy for years to come? exhibited publicly, it should stay where it is. Otherwise, every time governments changed, museums everywhere would be in jeopardy.

However this issue is resolved for ordinary artifacts, the Elgin Marbles are very, very special. They represent the remains of the underpinning of Western heritage and belong to all of

us. They are tastefully exhibited, alone in a large room in the British Museum. More importantly, the Marbles remain largely unblemished

returned to its country of origin. If an sive atmosphere. Is it better to right keep them where they are for all GERALD C. HARDY.

Manchester, Connecticut.

I would give priority among the works of world patrimony for Paolo Veronese's "The Marriage at Cana" to be returned to the San Giorgio Maggiore convent in Venice, where it had a meaning, rather than its artificial hanging in the Louvre "at the same level" as in the convent.

W. A. B. MIAILHE. Capdepera, Majorca.

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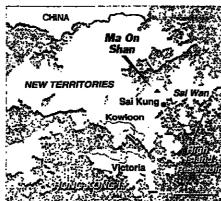
ONG KONG - Within view of Hong Kong's six million inhabitants, just north of its jammed harbor and apartment towers, are thousands of unpeopled acres, miles of walking paths and several rural Chinese villages, almost abandoned.

Through this mountainous terrain the MacLehose Trail runs for 60 miles (100 kilometers), climbing and descending so often that its vertical change is calculated at 30,000 feet (9,000 meters), more than the height of Mount Everest.

Trekking the MacLehose can take from 13 hours to seven or eight hiking days. The trail is segmented into 10 sections, all very different, varying from 3 to 10 miles.

The eastern two stages skirt the sea. The third stage of the trail crosses a wide peninsula; the fourth mounts the shoulder of Ma On Shan, Horse Saddle Mountain. From stage five, a short side trail climbs the promontory of Lion Rock, hard under the flight path of Kaitak Airport. The next section traverses territory where British defenders fought the invading Japanese in 1941, and lost. Farther along, hikers have to contend with troops of aggressive wild monkeys who expect to be fed.

Although the western terminus of the



pathway overlooks high-rise towers, the opposite end is remote and unspoiled. Linking Ching dynasty stone steps, grass-cutters routes and intervillage paths, passing old Chinese tombs and stands of bamboo, traversing hill, beach and seaside villages, the pathway has sensational views of islands, mountains, skyscrapers and sea.

The MacLehose Trail and Sai Kung Country Park, a preserve of about 18,500 acres (7,400 hectares), are in the New Territories; park and trail both are the legacy of a former governor, Sir Murray

MacLehose. While serving in the colony in the 1950s, he and his wife discovered rural areas little changed from ancient China. Returning later as governor, Lord MacLehose found the countryside nearly deserted, its paths overgrown and its fields unworked. He encouraged creation of territorial parks in these empty areas. The trail named for him was opened in 1979.

My host, Mark, and I walked the two eastern sections of the trail on an earlier visit. When I returned to Hong Kong last winter, I wanted to climb Ma On Shan, the most distinctive summit seen from Hong Kong. He invited a few friends to join us. Our multinational group of eight met in the parking lot at Sai Kung at 10 on a cool December morning.

There's no parking at trailheads, so walks in Sai Kung Park begin with a taxi ride of 15 to 25 minutes, depending on where the walker wants to begin. The fare may range from \$7 to \$15.

At 22 degrees north latitude, the colony can have beautiful weather, sunny and close to hot. At other times, like the day we scheduled Ma On Shan, a chilly gloom sets in and distant vistas fade into humid haze. Although we had hopes the morning cloud cover would burn off, the cool air was ideal for climbing.

And climb we did. The third stage takes

off vertically, up a path littered with burnt-ocher rocks. Early European voyagers described these open, scantily vegetated hills as desolate. Close at hand a recent fire had cleaned off the grasses. In compensation we had views in all directions: of hills, bays and reservoirs, of the secondstage trail snaking around the ridge to the east, of our own path winding toward the

fang of Ma On Shan. On the horizon as we reached the top of Ngau Yee Shek Shan (Cow Ear Mountain) was High Island Reservoir, one of a number of reservoirs within the confines of the colony whose supply is insufficient for the bursting city. Most of its water comes from China; Hong Kong is as vulnerable as an ancient fortress without a well.

The two stages I had already hiked were

not at all like this one. Circling High Island Reservoir on shale ledges, they offer the hiker views of the island-pocked South China Sea. Up conical hills and down to beaches, the path of stages one and two bisects scattered villages, summer getaways for a populace fleeing high-rise flats for the com-parative luxury of one-room shacks near the sea. In Sai Wan and Ham Tin, the route runs smack through shops, where we bought bottled water and soft drinks. Later the path gives way to asphalt and even, for while, street lamps, a paseo for citydressed strollers who seemed to come from

Ascending a second ridge, we left the scorched turf behind. Odd boulders, in profile high on the hillsides, were our landmarks for a time; then we descended into a grove of bamboos, rhododendron and scrubby live oaks. Trailside shrubs displayed blossoms I guessed might be native stewartia - our Norwegian-Chinese companion remarked (accurately) that they looked like fried eggs.

We eased downward through a forest of 30-foot bamboo, down wide stone steps and past a few open-faced tombs marked by stone tablets. I puzzled over the ceramic jars just inside, thinking perhaps they were offerings. Later, reading about the trail, I learned the jugs contain ancestral bones.

HEAD of us, the cloud cover had descended and snagged on the shark tooth of Ma On Shan. Our summit climb promised zero visibility. Though we had hiked for only three hours or so and were ready for more, the group voted to save the peak for another day and adjourn for lunch to a Sai Kung pizza parlor.

Over lunch, Mark reminisced about his experience the previous month as a participant in the Trailwalker. Each fall the 100kilometer path is the site of this marathon

nowhere. In contrast, the stage-three trail traverses a vast, empty bowl.

event. Organized as a fund-raiser for various charities, the trek requires entrants to traverse the McLehose nonstop, or as close to nonstop as they can manage. They must enter as teams of four, but the event is not a relay. All four must cover the mileage, and the group's time is what is clocked by the slowest member.

It's taken for granted the race will be won by the Queen's Gurkha soldiers, who stride the distance in about 13 hours. A team of relatively healthy humans, like Mark's, crosses the finish line in 27 hours. About half drop out.

Trekking the McLehose in a day is not for me, but finishing it in easy doses is high on my list. Mark says that once we've climbed Ma On Shan, I'll have walked the nicest parts of the path. It's true that modern Hong Kong encroaches increasingly as the trail wends westward; the colony's highest peak, Tai Mo Shan, has been spoiled for the hiker by electronic installations on the summit, for example,

But however much the present day intrudes, the trail keeps dipping into old China. There are disused tea plantations to see, low-lying forests to explore and wild monkeys to feed.

Marty Carlock wrote this for The New York Times

Tuning In on a Shortwave World

By Fred Powledge

TOU'RE halfway around the world. You don't speak their language, and they don't speak yours. You're an American news junkie, and you feel deprived. How do you get the latest on health reform? On your favorite sports team? On Whitewater, Rwanda, Eastern Europe, and the president's taste in underclothes?

Your best friend may be a compact piece of electronic equipment not much bigger than a paperback book: a shortwave radio. I recently returned to the United States from a six-week trip that took me to Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia. India and Britain. I stayed in touch with the world I left behind with my tiny radio. Luggage space was precious, but there was room for the radio. In addition to bringing me news, it woke me up, lulled me to sleep, and helped me understand the surrounding countryside.

In some of the places I stayed, the hotel television set provided around-the-clock news from one or another satellite network. But my little shortwave told me about Whitewater, Tonya Harding and the British Conservatives' latest embarrassment even while I was in the departure lounge at the Jakarta airport, when I was early for an appointment in Taiwan, and once when I was riding in a rickshaw (O.K., I was showing off, but it was time for the BBC news).

All over the world, there are radio stations that operate in the shortwave pordinary AM-FM sets can't catch their signals, but shortwave radios pull in broadcasts from great distances, hence the move in recent years to replace the term "shortwave" with "world band radio."

Many countries broadcast by shortwave to the rest of the world in English. Some of these international stations are little more than propaganda mills (Radio Moscow was a hoot in the old days), but others do quite credible jobs. Which stations you can get, and when you can get them, depends largely on how they aim their signals. Some broadcast in English only part of the day; most point their transmitters toward specific parts of the world. Generally, it's easiest to receive shortwave during local nighttime hours.

Shortwave is not a device for hearing "breaking news as it happens." This oc-



curs about as often as truly firsthand accounts on local television. Once, in 1982, I flipped on Radio Moscow and heard funereal music, a sign that someone important had died (it was Leonid Brezhnev). You do, however, get competent reports on important events, along with news and features about sports, the arts, science, agriculture, education, politics, crime, humankind's inhumanity to itself, and because shortwave listeners are almost by definition fans of shortwave, information about antennas, reception, and the like.

It's never been easier to enjoy shortwave listening without having to be a nerd. There is a large range of radios and prices, along with highly useful information on how to choose among them and get the most out of them. The best single U.S. source is the annual "Passport to World Band Radio," less than \$20, published by International Broadcasting Se vices Ltd., Box 300, Penn's Park, Pennsylvania 18943, tel: (215) 794-3396. "Passport" reviews radios of all sizes and prices and tells you which frequencies to

listen to at what times of day.

There's a lot of junk out there, but there are quite a few models that won't let you down. My favorite, and the one that so satisfied my recent information craving, is the Sony ICFSW1. In addition to shortwave, the tiny set brings in FM (in stereo) and AM, has a clock, turns itself on when you tell it to, and has a sleep timer. If you forget your list of frequencies, it will scan the spectrum and find stations for you, and it will remember your 10 favorite frequencies.

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times. If a station particularly interests you, you can ask for a detailed program schedule. Some schedules are free; the BBC charges the equivalent of \$40 a year for a slick monthly magazine, BBC World-wide Magazine, available from BBC World Service, Bush House, The Strand, London WC2.

Thanks to my little shortwave, I felt much less isolated on my trip, even in places like central Java, where I had the feeling (and some evidence) that I was the only anglophone. My favorite stations and programs turned out to be those I listen to most at home: "Monitor Radio," the international product of the Christian Science Monitor, and the BBC. The BBC's 24-hour World Service is awe inspiring. For sheer attention to news, there's nothing on the air that beats "Newshour" and the 30-minute "Newsdesk."

HEN there's Radio Canada International, with "The World at Six," which puts even "All Things Considered" to shame. Radio Netherlands, Germany's Deutsche Welle, and Radio Australia (really audible only in the Pacific and Asia) are good. When I was traveling, I got a better explanation of the Whitewater press frenzy from Radio Australia than anyone else.

The Voice of America seemed awkward and unhelpful, and I stopped trying to tune it in. VOA recently came under new management and some change has been noticeable. Even if you're not terminally addicted to news, there's good reason to carry a small shortwave on foreign travel.

Recause most sets come with FM and local AM bands, you can sample the local culture. I heard gamelan music in Jogjakarta, the sitar in Madras, Tagalog rock in Luzon, and a variety of domestic BBC stations in England.

In Taiwan, I discovered an English-language FM station that was the image of an American broadcaster, right down to unmemorable music, motor-mouthed disk jockeys, superficial newscasts, passable weather reports, and the latest word on that traffic jam on Taiwan's lone, and often supersaturated, freeway. The station is said to be a great favorite of Americans on the island. It was almost like being back home.

Fred Powledge is a free-lance writer. His most recent book is "Free at Last? The Civil Rights Movement and the People Who Made It."

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Christopher MacDonald, left, and John Turturro re-create "Twenty-One" in "Quiz Show."

Quiz Show

Directed by Robert Redford.

The brilliantly unsettling prologue to "Quiz Show" is a seduction scene in an automobile showroom, with a shiny new Chrysler working its wiles upon a wary young man. The car promises late 1950s-style perfection, but its allure is undercut by an air of sleek unreality and a hint of danger. "Hey," says the customer, aptly antici-pating what will follow. "I thought it used to be the man drove the car. Now the car drives the man." Confronted by that Chrysler as a symbol of false values and misplaced optimism, the audience faces the most salient aspect of the American dream: that we had to wake up. "Quiz Show," a supremely elegant and thoughtful parable about that awakening, transcends its narrow time frame and resonates with a piercing disillusionment that dates back to the events described here, and has not gone away. As directed with quietly dazzling acuity by Robert Red-ford, "Quiz Show" offers a portrait of slipping stan-

dards, delicate lies and a sensation-loving public that may genuinely prefer such falsehoods to the truth. The nominal focus of "Quiz Show" is the patrician, erudite Charles Van Doren (Ralph Fiennes), whose string of canned victories on "Twenty-One" once riveted the nation. He is seen in pointed contrast to the other main characters: Herbert Stempel (John Turturro), the contestant whom he unseats: Richard Goodwin (Rob Morrow), who investigates the quiz show scandal Doren (Paul Scofield), the literary lion whose reputation casts a long shadow over his son. Seldom has a movie about dissolving morality been more clear. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Directed by Boaz Yakin.

U. S. In addition to being the most commercially viable film to come out of this year's New Directors-New Films series, Boaz Yakin's "Fresh" is likely to be the most controversial. "Fresh" is the story of the title character, an impassive black 12-

year-old. Fresh (Sean Nelson) has two important men in his life. One is Esteban (Giancarlo Esposito), the seductive drug dealer who employs him as a courier without realizing that Fresh is actually quite an indepen-dent-minded little entrepreneur. The other is Sam (Samuel L. Jackson), Fresh's father, an indigent chess whiz who does what he can to discipline his son. He can't do much. This isn't the usual preteen innocent, nor even the standard bad seed. This is a seemingly decent kid who can sit there eating a candy bar while other peo-ple die. "Fresh" features delicate and sympathetic work from both Esposito and Jackson, whose fine characterizations say a lot about the originality of this film's vision. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Les Silences du Palais Directed by Moufida Tlatli. Tunisia-France.

Alia (Hend Sabri) has been raised in the servant quarters of the Bey's palace where her mother (Amel Hedhili) tended to the personal pleasures of Sid' Ali (Kamel Fazaa). The up-

stairs-downstairs life of women and a ruling class in decline is the subject of this intriguing first film by Moufida Tlath. The Palace she shows is, in fact, not silent but alive with gossip and perfidy, crumbling under the weight of hierarchies, jealousies and secrets: The servants are restless; the: masters uneasy; independence is in the air. Alia learns music by watching her half sister — a legitimate daughter of princes — play on her lute. Lofti (Sami Bouajila), a militant nationalist in hiding, helps her break away to a new life. Sabri, 15 years old, plays Alia as a young girl, moving beautifully from languid torpor to revolt. Tlath, a film editor, has structured a series of melancholy flashbacks showing Alia as a disenchanted adult (Ghalia Lacroix) who revisits her childhood. But there is a hidden structure, another way of telling the story and a more dynamic movie in the foundations of the palace, built around music as forbidden sensuality and expression as transgression.

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"A poignant story, set in the first half of this century, of a

Scotswoman's struggle to come to terms with traditional Asian social values and to bridge the East-West cultural divide. (Kevin Murphy, IHT)



had been stiffer, rifling them would have made the sound of dy arranged for her to have a lobotomy. To be kind, he was probably fearful for her (she Learner's sympathetic book had begun to wander off alone), (his previous celebrity biographies include "King of the what was known at the time as Night: The Life of Johnny Carson") is touted as "triumphs and the tragedies." But once would be exposed. Rosemary is would be exposed. Rosemary is you exclude the vicarious still alive, age 76, at a Wisconsin achievement of having a male institution where she has lived relative amass a fortune or win since 1949, in the infantile state a softer person if she had esan election, there's not much to which the operation reduced

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fore long there were so many
Post-Its that, if the yellow paper pretty woman, the elder Kenne- John Fitzgerald, mayor of Bos-

ton in Rose's teenage years, de-nied 18-year-old Rose her greatest wish—to go to Welles-ley College—because he feared offending Catholic clergy and voters. If the mayor's daughter strayed, other young Catholic women might succumb to the allure of the comparatively godless Wellesley campus. Leamer believes Rose would have been caped the nuns.

Rose's older daughters. Kathleen, who died in an airplane crash, and Eunice, and her daughter-in-law Jacqueline are Learner's heroines.

Kathleen is the Kennedy woman he likes; Eunice he Joseph Kennedy Sr., whose cal-man. "You are still and always grudgingly admires. He calls lousness toward the women in will be tops with me," he cabled her "scrawny," "skinny," "sickhis family ranges from bizarre her as his wife Rose feverishly ly," "unkempt," but he also to unforgivable. As a 20th anni- sought to have the marriage an- says she's the smartest Kennedy versary gift, he gave his wife, nulled Leamer sees Rose as a daughter and the only one with Rose, a trip to Europe and then "relentlessly positive little girl" a sense of herself as a person sent her off alone. When his (she is relentlessly holding on to with a role in the world outside oldest daughter. Rosemary, life at age 104), a severe mother the family. Eunice did social who had probably suffered and a chilly wife. In his characture work in a West Virginia prison brain damage at birth and was teristically feminist way, he and a Chicago settlement house

Leamer, whose book was pushed into print ahead of schedule when Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died, concludes with the accepted view that she eventually found her bearings through pride in her children and work as an editor.

The other sisters. Pat and Jean, a pair in being lanky, pretty, shy and younger, and sistersin-law Ethel and Joan are by comparison lost in the shuffle. Leamer's Ethel is "puckish," "prankish," "graceless." Joan's story is a strong argument for early divorce, and a cautionary tale about the way public life distorts private life.

Leamer's talent is for enthusiastic amassing rather than serious delving. He has found neighbors and school friends no one ever talked to before and a trove of Kathleen's letters, some interesting, some not. When at a loss to explain a relationship, he defaults repeatedly to the word "matrix." Why tell the story again if we can't understand more? The new details can only reassure us in the old conviction that the rich are not really happy.

Leamer's final heroines, briefly sketched, are Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg and Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who have earned law degrees and apparently stable marriages. They seem to be unwilling to put up with the acts of cruelty, small and large, that their grandmother, aunts and mothers accepted as unremark-

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An animal rights group has agreed to change the slogans on an anti-fur ad campaign featuring River Phoenix and Kurt Cobain after their families objected. The proposed ads featured photos of Phoenix, who died of a drug overdose last year, and Cobain, who shot himself to death earlier this year. with the headlines: "I Wouldn't Be Caught Dead in Fur," and "You Need Fur Like You Need a Hole in Your Head."

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott S TUDY the North-South hands and select a contract. Four spades and five clubs are obvious possibilities and succeed, but neither is safe. Three no-trump is best, although even

South chose two clubs, strong and artificial, and her partner showed his spades and followed with Blackwood rather impetuously.

that might fail after a heart

It is not normally right to put on the brakes when Blackwood shows that only one ace is missing, but it was right in this case. Five spades would have made, rive spades would have many very luckily, after any lead. A heart lead seems damaging, for West can win the queen with \$7 \$1065 the ace and return the suit.

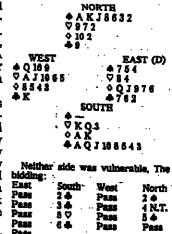
In the circumstances it is hard to blame South for retreating to six clubs, but it worked out badly. After an unlikely spade lead South would surely have gone down to defeat by have gone down to deteat by taking a trump finesse, and bidding would then have found that a bizarre finesse of the spade jack or a bizarre play of the club ace would have succeeded.

The heart ace was the only disastrons lead for the defense

disastrous lead for the defense.

Even then West could test the declarer by shifting to a spade, and South should work out that West is eager to permit a club finesse.

The declarer's choice was a diamond, and South won and ran all her trumps. This offered a chance, for West might have thought it desirable to save spades. But he correctly saves hearts, defeating the slam since South was surely due to succeed unless she was void in spades.



West led the diamond eight.

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Montreel

Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (514) 285-1600, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "Mark Tansey: A Retrospective." 25 large oil paintings of landscapes, interiors and ligures spanning the pend from 1979 to 1992. The paintings often include described portraits and often include disguised portraits and hidden images as well as texts by theorists such as Barthes and Derrida. closed Tuesdays. To Jan. 9: "Gus-

Stages Belgian's Daily Bread Belgian's Daily Bread Distinguishing the Matter Stages of the Matter Stages of the World

By Barbara Rosen

RUSSELS — The setting is calm, clean, natural. Well-dressed women in pairs and businessmen alone lunch family-style around a giant pine table, peeking at their neighbors as they reach across for the sugar bowl. At 2:30 P.M., the line to buy bread stretches out the door.

Alain Coumont opened his first Le Pain Quotidien bakery in 1990. This week, the 14th Belgian franchise opened. If all goes well, at least two will open in Paris by the end of the year. Within three years, Coumont predicts, people will break his daily bread in Los Angeles, London and Milan.

Each store offers the same streamlined menu built around an old-fashioned sourdough bread — simple food in simple surroundings. But behind the wholesome chic, the jambon de Bayonne sandwiches served on earthenware breadboards and the bowls of le vrai chocolat chaud, there is a carefully controlled image. Trained as a chef, Coumont knows when he's onto something. At 33, he is ready to trade in his Alfa Romeo Spider on a Mercedes.

"The product we make - everything is very simple," Coumont says. "We don't want to give a luxurious image to what we do." Luxurious or not, his image sells. He projects that sales will jump almost 25 percent, to 280 million Belgian francs (\$8.8 million), in 1995, more than 10 times

what he sold in 1991. "I'm not doing it for money," he insists.
"In fact, I think it's really fun." However, he's not losing any money either. "One of the biggest problems this year will be how not to pay tax," he says.

In 1990, when Coumont co-owned the Café du Dôme brasserie, he couldn't find the bread he wanted. He decided to bake it himself, but found it was not cost-effective. So he opened a bakery on the trendy Rue Antoine Dansaert. ("The rents were very low," he says.) To meet the overhead, he added sandwiches and coffee. He had no plans to go further, but the bakery business took off. In about a year he had left the brasserie behind.

Now, says Coumont, "every day I have

5 to 10 people calling to open a franchise." And that's just in Belgium. But Coumont knows his success lies in staying artisanal, not going industrial.

There is one thing important with bread," he explains. "It can be a very good business - when it is family-run.' "We'd rather keep it on nearly a family scale in each country. In every country where we go, we are going to do it step-by-

Each step will be carefully prescribed. Each bakery will supply a handful of Pain Quotidien stores in its area, be it Beverly Hills or the 8th Arrondissement in Paris. Pastries alone may be allowed to vary a

Centrally supplied specialty groceries, such as Tunisian olive oil, Italian wines or Belgian chocolates, will all eventually carry the Pain Quotidien name, already registered in seven countries. By the end of the year, Coumont ex-

pects to have completed his "bible," dictating everything from recipes to walls (antiqued stucco) to dishes (with logo). No synthetic materials, no frivolous furniture. "Everything will be set up, like McDonald's," he says. "There is no decoration. I

would say it's like a monastery."

Coumont has partners in his Belgian business, but Le Pain Quotidien International belongs wholly to Coumont and his

N each new country, a subsidiary will hold the master franchise. The pioneer franchisee gets exclusive rights to his region (in the United States, it's by state), as well as 49 percent of the national franchise company. The other 51 percent, and with it product and image control, stays with Coumont, who insists his schooling taught him only to

spread icing, not risks. Still, for a couple of years he was personal chef to Robert M. Fomon, then chairman of E.F. Hutton, at Fomon's homes in New York and Palm Beach.

The only thing I had to do was to read business magazines to learn English." Coumont says. "I was cooking something like eight hours a week and reading the magazines of my boss."



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The banker found Coumont a good risk as well as a good cook. "I lent him some money to open his first restaurant and within his first year he had paid it all back," Fomon says.

Coumont believes Le Pain Quotidien will find different niches in different places. In Belgium, yuppies breakfasting on croissants à la Lenôtre suel the restaurant side. For the bread. Coumont says, "everybody buys it." He turned down a chance, however, to sell it in a major supermarket chain.

Coumont knows that in Paris, his specialty will compete against the sourdough bread of Poilane. But he is not easily daunted. After all, he has worked in the kitchens of Robuchon and Guerard.

Still, he says, "It will be fun to open in L.A. or in Paris, especially a Belgian guy, you know, starting a bread business in

Barbara Rosen is a free-lance journalist

Museum der bildenden Konste, tel:

(341) 31-31-02, closed Mondays. To Nov. 5: "Lucas Cranach. Ein

Maler-Unternehmer aus Franken More than 200 Items, including 54 works by the 16th-century German painter and engraver. Features reti-

gious paintings, portraits and animal

The Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To Nov. 15: "Against Hitler! Photomontages by John Heartfield, 1930-1938." Anti-

ISRAEL

The Ins and Outs of Gulf Airports

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

RAVELING wisely and well around the Gulf - whether you're living there or passing through - requires both advance planning and an opportunistic eye for discount fares and short-term promotions. The trick is to know which kind of tickets to buy with which airline and the best place to buy them.

Published fares in the Gulf are about 20 percent higher than in North America, Europe or Asia, so it makes sense for frequent travelers to buy a one-way ticket to say, London or New York, and a series of round-trips back from there. Consolidator tickets also are sometimes more expensive in the Gulf, but they may carry fewer conditions: pay full fare and you're likely to get an upgrade. Creative "fare construction" can save you up to 40 percent by tacking on a few extra destinations, possibly on your way around the world, or combining separate round-trips on the same ticket.

The quality of travel in Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia has improved dramatically in the last 12 months. Open skies over Dubai, the end of Gulf Air's monopoly in Bahrain, UAE, Qatar and Oman (the four Gulf states that jointly own the carrier) and the emergence of serious tourism have led to more competitive services. Air traffic in the Gulf is growing at around twice the worldwide rate of 3 to 4 percent

Emirates, owned by the government of Dubai, which flies to 34 destinations within the Middle East, Europe, the Indian subcontinent and Asia, increased its capacity by 50 percent last year with a new fleet of Airbus 310s and 330s. It will be one of the first customers for the Boeing 777 in March 1996. Emirates and Gulf Air compete fiercely from Dubai and Bahrain. their respective hubs. Oman Air, based in Muscat, has a growing network of regional and international services, and Qatar Airways, a new carrier that started services in June, flies Airbus 310s three times a week to London. It also flies to Amman, Cairo. Abu Dhabi, Khartoum, and Colombo. By the end of 1994, Qatar expects to serve Munich, Vienna, Beirut and Athens, and it has further plans to add Bangkok, Melbourne and Sydney. Kuwait Airways is investing \$1 billion on 15 new Airbuses and Boeings, for delivery in 1995.

turning to Bahrain on the return half of your original round-trip ticket.

Trailfinders in London could construct

"You can now drive fairly easily to a good airport wherever you are," said Simon Evans, a former British diplomat based in Abn Dhabi. "There used to be very little inter-Gulf traffic, except for Gulf Air. But nowadays with British Airways and Emirates putting on smaller aircraft, and Qatar Airways starting up, you can now drive out to an airport fairly close by and fly out direct."

Bahrain and Dubai are streamlined superhubs. You can often get from the plane to your city-center hotel in less than 30

A decade ago, Bahrain and Dubai were best known as midnight fuel stops between Europe and Asia. Paradoxically, the

The frequent Traveler

introduction of the ultra-long-range 747-400s stimulated their development as major hubs in their own right, with the growth of regional and long-haul services. Many British Airways and Cathay Pacific flights stop in Bahrain or Dubai en route

to Hong Kong and points in Australasia.
The United Arab Emirates has six international airports: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Fujaira, Ras al Khaima and Al Ain — a \$182 million airport slap in the middle of the desert only 100 miles (160 kilometers) from Abu Dhabi along a sixlane highway, which opened for business in March. So far, it can handle only one flight at a time.

People living in the Gulf have great opportunities to exploit round-the-world (RTW) tickets. If you're based in Bahrain, for example, you could buy a Cathay/United Airlines RTW for around \$3,700 (business class) or \$2,400 (economy) that gives you dozens of options. You could fly, for example, Bahrain-Hong Kong-To-kyo-Honolulu-Los Angeles-New York-London-Bahrain. You can buy such a ticket in Bahrain, London, or anywhere along the route — price varying with cur-rency rates. But if, for example, you were to start your RTW journey in Hong Kong, you could first buy a round-trip ticket to Hong Kong, commence your RTW, and arrive back in Bahrain. You would then have 12 months in which to use the remaining Bahrain-Hong Kong coupon; re-

you a discounted RTW fare for around £1,000 (\$1,550) in economy. One option would be to fly London to Dubai and on to Australia with Royal Brunei Airways. and then back to London, either with Air New Zealand, which would give you a stop in Los Angeles, or United Airlines, which would take you straight out of Australia into Los Angeles or New York to

Travel decisions are a trade-off between cost, convenience and comfort. The fastest and most comfortable way to travel in and out of the Gulf is nonstop into Dubai with Emirates or Gulf Air to Bahrain or Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabian Airlines flies nonstop between Riyadh and Delhi, Dhaka, Frankfurt, Geneva, London, New York, Paris, and a score of regional destinations, and between Jidda and Bangkok. Bombay, Geneva, Jakarta, London, Manila, New York and Rome.

Fly full-fare first- or business-class be-tween Dubai and London Heathrow or Gatwick with Emirates and you get a chauffeur-driven car within a 50-mile radius of the airport at each end. You also get a free economy ticket for use any time. Many of the best consolidator deals depend on flying with a non-Gulf airline via its main hub. The cheapest deals are with Cyprus Airways via Larnaca; Aero-flot via Moscow to Bahrain or Dubai; Royal Jordanian via Amman; Middle East Airlines via Beirut; Egypt Air via Cairo to Bahrain or Dubai; or carriers such as Air Lanka and Royal Brunei en route to Colombo and Hong Kong.

Published fares are likely to cost more if you buy them in the Gulf. But you can often buy discount fares (either through consolidators or direct with the airline) with fewer conditions - such as being able to change flights without penalty.

Qatar Airways may be the brightest star in the Gulf for budget travelers. Qatar is targeting the expatriate community with quality low-cost services to Europe and Asia. The airline's consolidator, Check-In Travel in London, has an offer that's hard to beat: a full economy round-trip fare from London to Dubai (via Doha) for £350, compared with the published price of £1,345, and Dubai-London return for

ARTS GEIDE

AUSTRALIA

Powerhouse Museum, tel: (2) 217-0111, open daily. To Oct. 23: "Christian Dior: The Magic of Fashion." More than 60 gowns chronicle the rise of Christian Dior from the launch of his "new look." in 1947, and document his influence on Australian

ment his influence on Australian tashlon during the 1940s and 1950s.

Salzburg Landestheater, tel: (662) 87-15-12. "Arminio," an opera by Franz Biber, Sept. 17, 20 and 21. "The Rake's Progress" (Stravinsky), Sept. 25, 27

Kunstforum Bank Austria, tel: (1) 532-06-44, open daily. To Nov. 27: "Herbert Boecki, 1894-1966." A retrospective of the work of the Austrian artist. Seventy paintings and 60 watercolors and drawings document his artistic career from the Austrian Ex-pressionist group with Kokoschka, Gerstl and Kolig to Abstract work in

KunstHausWien, tel: (1) 712-0495, open daily. To Jan. 29: "Mappleth-orpe: Eine Retrospektive." A selection of more than 200 known and unknown works by the controversial American photographer. The exhibi-tion will travel to Australia.

BELGIUM

Groeningemuseum, tel: (50) 34-79-59, open daily. Continuing/To Nov. 15: "Hans Mernling: Five Centuries of Reality and Fiction." 30 works by Mernling and recipitors described. by Memling and paintings, drawings and sculptures by his contemporar-

ies in Bruges. trum Oud Sint-Jan, tel: (50) 33-56-66, open daily. Contin-ulng/To Oct. 2: "Modigliani: De Openbaring." More than 400 drawings by Italian artist Amedeo Modi-gliani. from 1906 to 1924. The drawings were purchased and collected by Paul Alexandre who became the nter's closest friend and only patron upon his arrival in Paris in 1906.

Museum voor Schone Kunsten, tel (9) 222-1703, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "Meesterwerken van de Go-tische Beetchouwkunst." An overview of the origins and development of the Late Gothic style in sculpture. The wood, stone, metal and wory sculptures come from the 15th-century Burgundian Netherlands that included present-day Benefux countries, Northern France and German ower Rhine.

BRITAIN

Scottish National Portrait Gallery. tel: (31) 332-2256, open delly. Con-tinuing/To Nov. 6: "Visions of the Ottoman Empire." Orientalist works including romantic creations by painters who, like Delacroix, imagined the East as a place of decadence, sensualty and mystery, and more realistic paintings by painters like David Roberts and William Holman Hunt.

London Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open daily. To Dec. 14: 'The Glory of Venice: Art in the 18th Century." A survey of the art in Venice in the 18th century, including city-scapes by Canaletto, Guardi and Bel-lotto, genre paintings by Tiepolo, scenes of Ventian tile by Pietro Longhi and prison scenes by Piranesi.

CANADA



"Self Portrait, 1985" by Robert Mapplethorpe at the Kunst Haus Wien in Vienna.

Art Gallery of Ontario, tel: (416) 977-0414, closed Tuesdays. Sept. 17 to Dec. 31: "From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from The Barnes Foundation." Includes 80 Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and Modernist paintings from the col-lection of Or. Albert C. Barnes in Philadelphia. The collection which in-cludes works by Renoir, Mattisse, Ce-zanne, Picasso, Manet and Modigliani, among others, is permitted a one-time worldwide tour to raise funds for renovations of the Foundation building.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague's Castle, tel: (2) 33-37-33-68, open daily. To Oct. 30: "Aftons Mucha." Posters, previously unpublished drawings and photographs, as well as some of his studio equipment.

DENMARK

Nationalmusest, tel: 33-13-44-11, closed Mondays. To Jan. 8: "Macedonia: The Northern Greeks and the Era of Alexander the Great." 400 obects from excavations in Macedonia. with items dating from the bronze age to the time of the Romans. Features bronze and silver vessels, gold jewel-ry and terra-cotta figurines.

PRANCE Journées du Patrimoine 94, Sept. 17 and 18; More than 10,000 monunts and sites are open to the public throughout the country. In Paris, the Elysee Palace, the Banque de France, the Hotel Matignon (residence of the French Prime Minister) and the Russian Embassy, among others, will open their doors. Long waiting lines should be expected at the main places of interest.

L'isle-sur-la-Sorgue Hôtel de Campredon, tel: 90-38-17-41, closed Mondays. Conttinuing/To Oct. 30: "Des Bords de l'Escaut aux Rives de la Sorgue: Les Modernes du Realisme a "Expressionisme 1880-1940." Works by Flemish painters, ranging from Realism to Symbotism, Fauvism and Abstractiousm

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Grand Palais, tel: 44-13-171-17, mann, Kandinsky, Kirchner, Macke

Musée du Québec, tel: (418) 643-21-50. To Jan. 8: "Alexander Calder." 55 works by Calder from the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, Including stablles, sculptures, works on paper and jewelry.

Toronto Musée des Arts Décoratifs, tel: 44-

Tuesdays, To Nov. 20: "Parures: Blook Ethniques des Collections du Musee Barbier-Mueller." On loan from the Geneva museum, a collection tion of ethnic jewelry from Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Musée du Louvre, tel: 40-20-51-51, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Sept. 26: "La Reforme des Trois Carraci: Le Dessin a Bologne, 1580-1620."

Trianon Palace, tel: 30-84-38-00, open daily. To Sept. 26: "Diana Guest: Sculptures." More than 40 bronze and marble sculptures of animals by the British sculptor.

CERMANY

108, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Oct. 12: "Der Deutsche Spiesser Argert sich: Retrospektive Raoul Hausmann 1886-1971." 250 works by the Austrian-born artist (1886-1971), a representative figure of Berlin Dadaism around 1918. Brücke-Museum, tel: (30) 831-8029, closed Tuesdays. To Nov. 27: "Der Frühe Kandinsky." More than 100 paintings, drawings and prims dating back to the years 1900 to 1910, before the beginning of Kan-dinsky's abstract work.

Kunst- und Austellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, tel: (228) 9171-200, closed Mondays. tions, sculptures and paintings by the Swiss artist. Her work is characterized by her obsessions with mysticism, astrology and death. Cologne Josef-Haubrich-Kunsthalle, tel:

Work," 350 photographs by U.S. fashion and art photographer Richard Avedon. Frankturt Schirn Kunsthalle, tel: (69) 299-882-0, closed Mondays. To Nov. 13: "Expressionistische Bilder." About 50 masterpieces of German Expres-

(221) 221-2335, open daily. To Oct. 30: "Richard Avedon: Fashion

ITALY Florence

Istituto degli Innocenti, tel. (55) 247-7952, open daily. To Nov. 3: "Picasso: Ceramiche, Incisioni, illustrazioni, Arazzi." Works from the various periods in Picasso's life. Features his illustrations of literary works, a series of female portraits and a selection of ceramics. Also features large tapestries inspired by

JAPAN

Nara Sogo Museum of Art, tel: (742) 36-3141, closed Tuesdays. To "Articles from the Silk Road." 200 objects from the private collection of a leading Japanese re-searcher dating from the period before Christ to the Middle Ages. Tokyo

Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, tel: (3) 3445-0651, open daily. To Nov. 3: "Yasumasa Morimura: photography to supermpose himsel into masterworks of Eastern and Western art. His creations have included him as Manet's "Flute Play-er," and as Pre-Raphaelite maidens. The exhibition features 26 works based on portraits by Rembrandt.

Suntory Museum of Art. 191: (3) 3470-1073, closed Mondays. Oct. 16: "Goodesses in Japan." cusing on the representation of godarts, this show presents various tech-

NETHERLANDS

Stedelijk Museum de Lakenhal, tel: (71) 16-53-60, closed Mondays. To Oct. 24: "Vivienne Westwood." 20 designs by British fashion designer Vivienne Westwood. At the same time, the Stelling Gallery presents Westwood's accessories

RUSSIA Moscow

Nazi satirical photomontages created between 1930 and 1938 by the Ger-Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (095) 203-69-74. To Oct. man artist who fought against Na-"Anatoly Zverev, 1931-1986."

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SINGAPORE

National Museum, lel: (65) 332-3656, closed Mondays. To Nov 13: "Alamkara: 5000 Years of India." This exhibition, which covers the penod 3000 B. C. to 1900 A. D., includes stone, bronze and terra-cotta images of derires, paintings of court life, everyday life and nature, jewelry and other examples of decorative art on loan from the National Museum New Delhi, Singapore institutions and private collectors.

Features 65 gouaches and 100 draw-ings by the Russian Expressionist painter.

Fundació La Caixa, lel: (1) 43-54-833, closed Mondays. To Nov. 13: "Kandinsky/Mondrian: Dos Caminos hacia la Abstraccion." Documents the parallels and differences between the two painters in their ear-ly phases. Both started as figurative painters although Kandinsky later de-veloped an abstract style while Mondrian adopted a geometric idiom. The

exhibition will travel to Barcelona.

SWITZERLAND

Kunstmuseum, lel: (61) 271-0445, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "Fer-nand Leger 1911-1924: Le Rythme de la Vie Moderne." Presents the first artistic phase of the French artist and includes monumental paintings, abstract painlings, gouache drawings as well as still lifes and interiors.

Museo Cantonale d'Arte, tel: (91) 22-93-56, closed Mondays. To Nov. 6: "Jean-Baptiste Camillé Corot: Un Sentimento Particolare del Paesag-gio. Focuses on the relationship between the French painter and nature and countryside.

Kunsthaus, tel: (1) 251-6765.

contemporary art, including such groups as Gutal, Hi Red Center, An-koku Butoh and Mono-ha. The exhi-

closed Mondays. To Nov. 6: "Dada Global." Features 400 documents and 200 works by Duchamp, Man Ray, Hausman, etcabia, Max Ernst of the work of the Parisan tashing and Australian as the Control of the Work of the Parisan tashing and Australian tashing and the control of the work of the Parisan tashing and personal processing and personal pro

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and Arp. among others.

High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 898-9284, closed Mondays. To Nov. 27: "Willem de Kooning." 50 paintings, drawings and sculptures from 1939 to 1985, Includes "Queen of Hearts." a portrait anticipating de Kooning's mature figurative style; "Zurich," one of the abstract paintings of the late 1940s and paintings and drawings

from the "Women" 1950s. New York

Cooper-Hewitt. National Design Museum, (el: (212) 860-6894, closed Mondays. To Feb. 19: "The Structure of Style: Modernism in examples of modernist ceramics, glass, metalwork, furniture, graphics, textiles, wallpaper, jewelry and lighting. The exhibition examines the works of leading designers, architects and artisans, and the diversity of sign sources ranging from nature to pure geometry.

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Guggenheim Museum SoHo, tel:
(212) 423-3840, closed Tuesdays.

To Jan. 8: "Japanese Art After 1945:
Scream Against the Sky." 200 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video
films and installations by 70 representatives of Japanese postwar and

of the work of the Parisian fashion designer, who, logether with Coco Chanet, and Madeleine Vionnet altered fashion in the 1920s and

Museo del Barrio, tel: (212) 831-7272, open Wednesdays through Sundays. To Oct. 30: "Recovering, Popular Culture." The exhibition inand customs of Latinos, with reli-

gion, food, music and clothing as emblens of nationality reinterpreted by each artist. Museum for African Art. let: (212) 966-1313, closed Mondays, To Jan. 8: "Luba Memory in the Making: Creating History Through Art." Luba art of Zaire from the 9th to the 19th centuries juxtaposed with the writ-

and other visitors. Whitney Museum of American Art, tel: (212) 570-3652, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Oct. 9: "Joseph Stella." A retrospective of the work of the Italian-American artist, whose progenited denictions of New whose modernist depictions of New York are symbols of the American machine age. From 1922 to his death in 1946, Stella created metaphoric

images. Washington National Museum of Women in the Arts, tel: (202) 783-5000, open darly. To Oct. 13: "Picture What Women Do: A Photographic Portrart of Wom-

en's Lives Across America." An exhi-bition of photographs taken by American women in all walks of life.

On Sept. 18: "Beauty and the Bank-note: Images of Women on Paper Money." British Museum, London. On Sept. 18: "Malfiguren." Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna.

On Sept. 18: "Odilon Redon: Prince of Dreams." Art Institute, Chicago. On Sept. 19: "Tapisseries du Portu-gal." Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Bordeaux.

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Apple-IBM Alliance Runs Off Track Challenge to the Intel-Microsoft Industry Standard Fades

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While the new Power PC chip, based on RISC technology,

provides greater processing power than Intel's current line of

computer chips, it is not expected to pose a serious challenge

to Intel's hegemony over the desktop computer chip market.

By John Markoff New York Times Service SAN FRANCISCO — It

was to be the alliance of former enemies, teaming up to conquer common foes.

At least that was the stratethree summers ago, when IBM and Apple Computer stunned the industry by announcing a joint plan to attack the domination of the personal computer industry by machines based on chips from Intel Corp. and software

from Microsoft Corp.
Apple Computer Inc. and
International Business Machines Corp. called their planned weapon the Power PC, and to make sure they had sufficient firepower, they re-cruited the big chip maker Motorola Inc. to their team. But recently, the IBM-Apple alliance has shown signs of

running off track. Although Apple has been selling a line of Power PC computers since March and IBM is expected to introduce its own version of a Power PC machine next month, the companies have wandered from their common mission: making Power PC a unified technology "platform" that would run both Apple and IBM software interchangeably.

Executives at both companies declined to speak on the record about the troubled alliance. But they have confirmed privately in recent weeks that it may be years — if ever — before IBM and Apple fulfill their promise of giving computer users, and the computer industry itself, a true alternative to the Intel-Microsoft standard that accounts for 85 percent of personal computers now in use.

Analysts see an opportunity

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"This was the last hope to stop the Intel-Microsoft cartel, and it's not going to hap-pen," said George Colony, president of Forrester Research, a computer industry consulting firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

To be sure, the Power PC chips made by Motorola and IBM are finding a market not only in Apple and IBM machines, but also in other types of consumer electronics. The

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Power PC. Apple, meanwhile, says it is

3DO Co., for example, recent-

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still on pace to reach its goal of selling I million Power PC Macintosh computers by the end of the year. IBM has high hopes for the Power PC-based computers that may roll out as soon as October,

But at least initially, these Apple and IBM machines will use different software. And Taligent, the IBM-Apple joint venture created to develop a common software operating system, has yet to finish the software tools that third-party software developers will need to create the applications word processors, spreadsheets and the like - without which an operating system is useless.

So far apart are the two companies, in fact, that Apple has not vet disclosed whether it will include IBM among the computer makers it allows to license Apple's new System 7.5 operating system for the

Apple is drawing mounting industry criticism that it is bungling its System 7.5 licensrestrictions as allowing only

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Mirror Plans Cable Venture With U.S. Firms

LONDON — Mirror Group PLC, one of Britain's largest newspaper publishers, said no additional cost for an initial Thursday it would team up with five American telecommunications companies to launch a ca-

ble-television channel focusing

on live events. The joint venture is to offer a channel called "Live TV," initially to around 500,000 homes now served by cable systems run by the U.S. companies. Their systems account for about 60 percent of the British cable market. The date for starting the service has not yet been set.

Mirror's American counterpart, called CPP-1, is a partnership of the regional telephone companies Nynex Corp., Southwestern Bell Corp. and U S West Inc. and the cable system operators Tele-Communications Inc. and Comcast Corp.

Neither Mirror Group, which will be the majority partner, nor the U.S. companies would specify the size of their planned stakes or investments. A spokesman for Mirror Group called start-up costs "minimal.

The programming initially will focus on events such as

sports matches and concerts. It is to be made available to all the companies' cable subscribers at run of 10 years.

Adam Singer, chairman of CPP-I, said: "To grow, U.K. cable must be more than im-ported TV and recycled shows. It must have fresh British programming, with fresh attitudes from new producers."

"These arrangements mark the beginning of our strategic move into television, by joint venturing with other leading players in the media industry, said David Montgomery, Mirror Group chief executive.

As U.S. telecommunications companies dig up the streets of Britain to lay cables, they have come under fire from Britisl: Telecommunications PLC, the phone company that is barred from competing with them on the multimedia front because it is not allowed to deliver television over its own network.

British Telecom has accused the U.S. companies of using Britain as a testing ground for multimedia systems that could be expanded to bigger markets. (AP, Bloomberg)

U.S.-British Phone Deal Paves Way for Lower Rates

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribun

BRUSSELS - The United States and Britain are preparing a dramatic opening of telephone services between the two countries that is expected to unleash fierce price-cutting throughout Europe on trans-Atlantic phone calls, govern-ment and industry sources said Thursday. It will be the biggest realignment to

date in the pricing of international calls. Regulators plan to authorize new competitors to lease telephone lines between the two countries from existing operators.

led by AT&T Corp. and British Telecom-segments of the market," said Diane reach as much as 50 percent, at first will munications PLC, and offer to carry calls Cornell, chief of the international policy be offered to major corporations, but discounts. Current restrictions on leased

U.S. companies rush to make deals to provied nationwide cellular service. Page 14.

lines make them available only to very large corporate customers and offer modest cost savings.

"The theory is that this will open up the market to resellers who can serve all

for a wide range of customers at steep division at the Federal Communications eventually the competition is expected Commission in Washington. "It will certainly put pressure on rates."

> Since the 1930s, when the telephone was a luxury and international lines were scarce, charges for cross-border calls have been set at artificially high levels by a cartel-like arrangement of national telephone operators.

The new price cuts, which analysts and industry officials estimate could

segments of the market," said Diane reach as much as 50 percent, at first will to lead to substantially lower prices for individual consumers as well.

> Although the opening technically will be limited to traffic between the United States and Britain, operators are likely to try to route calls from Continental Europe to the United States via London to take advantage of lower rates, said Viesturs Vucins, president of Unisource.

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Lufthansa Sets Radical **Overhaul**

FRANKFURT — The German airline, Lufthansa, which this week set terms for its privatization, announced Thursday a radical restructuring aimed at securing its future in the fiercely contested world of private carriers.

Lufthansa's supervisory board gave the green light to the airline's freight, technical and systems divisions operating as legally separate units beginning Jan. 1.

The reorganization is the culmination of several years of cost-cutting and streamlining to rid the state-owned airline of bureaucratic practices and prepare for a challenge to its main rival, British Air-

"This is a historic situation." the board's chair-man, Wolfgang Röller, said. "The crane has finally been set free," he added, referring to Lusthansa's corporate logo of a crane in

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Exxon Spill Still Soils Stock

By Agis Salpukas New York Times Service

EW YORK - As jurors deliberate on whether Exxon Corp. should pay punitive damages for the Ex-xon Valdez oil spill in 1989, should investors worry? Wall Street analysts are divided on the answer.

Some recommend avoiding the stock until the damages are awarded. Others advise wait-ing even longer, until the appeals process is finished and it becomes clear exactly how much Exxon's final bill will be.

Some analysts said Exxon stockholders should hold onto their shares, while others even suggested buying now, since the stock was about 12 percent below this year's high of \$67.125. Those advocating a buy said there was a good chance the jury's award will be moderate, paving the way for a quick rise in the stock price.

In addition, they said Exxon's earnings outlook was improving because some of the company's businesses, including its huge Enropean operations, are on the rebound.

The jury, meeting in U.S. District Court in Anchorage, is expected to reach a decision company in the jury awards the full \$15.

Anchorage, is expected to reach a decision soon. Even if the jury awards the full \$15 billion that the plaintiffs' lawyers are seeking, analysts said Exxon has the financial strength to suffer only limited damage.

"Exxon has deep pockets," Francis P. Knuettel, with Prudential Securities, said, adding that the company was sure to appeal, which would buy time. There also is a good chance it could pesotiate the amount down. chance it could negotiate the amount down. Exxon has put together a legal team that was able to convince the jury on Aug. 12 to award commercial fishermen \$286.8 million in damages for the 1989 spill, far less than the \$895

million that was sought. Frederick Leuffer, an oil analyst for Bear, Stearns & Co., calculated that if Exxon borrowed to pay a \$15 billion award, its interest cost would reduce earnings per share by about 55 cents a year. He said he expected Exxon to earn about \$3.35 per share this year and \$4.50 next year, compared with \$4.21 a share in 1993 on net income of \$5.28 billion.

"It's certainly not life threatening, but the dividend growth rate could fall below that of its competitors," he said.

Mr. Leuffer, who advised investors to avoid the stock as the trial neared, said Exxon could manage to pay an award on the high end without a major impact on its long-term earnings potential. He said he was sure, however, that there would be an impact on the stock.

"If the jury can come back with \$5 billion," he said, "the stock will still get hit. Who needs the headache?"

He said he favored avoiding the stock until it became clear how much Exxon would have to pay, which could mean waiting out a long appeal process. Only then will it be clear whether Exxon can keep paying its high divi-dend, which now equals about 5 percent of the stock price.

But Mr. Knuettel said that if investors shunned Exxon now, they could miss a nice

Exxon stock dropped about \$8, to \$59 a share in the weeks before the jury found that Exxon's "recklessness" had caused the grounding of the Exxon Valdez.

Exxon's stock rose 50 cents to \$59.25 in

Good Inflation News Kindles Stock Rally

NEW YORK - Signs that U.S. inflation has not accelerated enough to prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates kindled a rally on

Wall Street on Thursday. A monthly survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philatember even as manufacturing New York Stock Exchange. continued to expand.

High rates raise borrowing costs and hamper profit changed from one of higher growth; they also make stocks rates and a big downdraft in less attractive relative to fixedincome investments.

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Computer-guided buy-orders "The sentiment now is that flooded the market in the last the Federal Reserve really ten minutes of trading, adding won't raise raies until at least 21 points to the Dow average, after the November elections," said Greg Schoenleber, an ana-

said Peter DaPuzzo, senior lyst at Birinyi Associates Inc., a inflation eroding the value of managing director at Cantor company that tracks computer-fixed-income securities. The price of the ben

"The tone of the market has stock prices to the possibility of a little uptick in rates and good earnings," said Ronald Doran, head of institutional equity trading at C.L. King & Asso-ciates Inc. "Cash is starting to flow into equity mutual funds again and is being put back to

The tame inflation signals shown in the Philadelphia data also spurred a rally in Treasury bond prices, easing the threat of

The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond finished up 14/32 point at 98 13/32.

while the yield dropped to 7.63 percent from 7.67 percent Wednesday. "investors issued a sigh of relief on the numbers," said

Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany. Hanson PLC's American depositary receipts were the most actively traded issue on the New York Stock Exchange, rising is to 13%. Hanson has fre-

quently topped the most-actives See STOCKS, Page 12

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Weatherstone to Retire As Head of J.P. Morgan

er who helped make J.P. Morgan & Co. more like a Wall Street firm than a bank, said Thursday he would retire as on new securities businesses. chairman and chief executive officer at the end of the year.

The board chose Douglas A. Warner 3d, 48, the company's president since 1990, to succeed Mr. Weatherstone on Jan. 1. Mr. Weatherstone will be 64

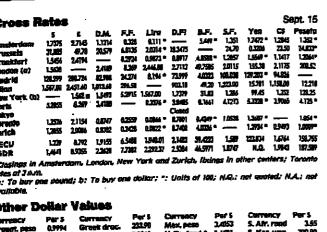
Although Mr. Warner has NEW YORK - Dennis spent most of his career as a Weatherstone, the English trad- corporate banker, rather than a trader like Mr. Weatherstone, J. P. Morgan executives said he would not slow the bank's focus

> Mr. Weatherstone described Mr. Warner as a "strong leader who knows what it takes to excel in global finance and meet the changing need of clients around the world."

> The bulk of Morgan's revenue now comes from businesses the bank was not even involved in six years ago. In 1989, the bank's new headquarters, a 47floor neo-Gothic tower on Wall Street, had one trading floor for its bond and currency opera-tions. Now it has four floors devoted to trading everything from complex derivatives contracts to Latin American equi-

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Give Dollar a Lift

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — The dollar rose Thursday on anticipation francs. The pound weat \$1.5620 from \$1.5660. the mid-October presidential election and hope for a U.S.-Japan trade agreement.

A regional Federal Reserve Board report hinting that U.S.

Foreign Exchange

inflation was only advancing at a moderate pace also shored up the American currency.

Trading was quiet, with many foreign-exchange desks thinly staffed because of the Yom Kippur Jewish holiday and a national holiday in Japan.

Talk that the president of the Swiss National Bank saw room for one more small interest rate cut in Germany helped the dollar against the Deutsche mark. even though the Bundesbank rates unchanged at its meeting Thursday.

The dollar finished at 1.5493 DM, up from 1.5417 DM Wednesday, and at 99.45 yen, up from 99.20 yen. It rose to 5.2915 French francs from 5.2735 francs and to 1.2860 Swiss francs from 1.2812 francs. The pound weakened to

The report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia lifted Treasury bond, which are seen as a barometer of foreign interest in dollar-denominated

"The Philly Fed index showed growth with moderate inflation, which is construc-tive," said John Nelson, director of global foreign exchange at Barclays Bank PLC in London. "The dollar looks buoyant right now."

The dollar was helped against the yen on sentiment that the United States and Japan would resolve their trade differences before a Sept. 30 deadline for U.S. sanctions to kick in.

But concern about America's seemingly imminent invasion of Council kept German interest Haiti could hurt the dollar in coming weeks, traders and analysts said. On Thursday, President Bill Clinton approved calling up as many as 1,600 military reservists for duty in an invasion of Haiti.

STOCKS: Inflation Data Helps

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list recently on dividend related

trading. ITT fell 134 to 79% after a Goldman, Sachs analyst cut his investment opinion of the stock. The conglomerate plans raised to \$1.48 a share from to raise about \$4 billion to fi-\$1.43.

U.S. Stocks

nance media and entertainment acquisitions by selling its commercial finance, commercial installment lending and a reinsurance business.

Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts rose 1% to 64%, helped by a 2.4 percent rally in Mexico's Bolsa stock

Food stocks were strong, with Borden rising is to 13%, Sara Lee up 11/4 to 231/4 and Coca Cola adding 14 to 48%.

Compaq Computer rose 1% to 35% a day after announcing a new line of personal computers.

Among over-the-counter is-sues, Structured Dynamics Research fell 24 to 4%. The maker of mechanical-design automation software said it uncovered bogus sales in its Asian opera-

tions that would result in a third-

quarter loss and restatement of

results for the past two years. Parametric Technology. which competes with Structural Dynamics, rallied 3 15/16 to 31½. The software company's 1995 earnings estimates were

Taco Cabana fell 2% to 81/2 after reporting lower third-quarter profit than analysts ex-

Tektronix climbed 41/4 to 381/4 after the electronic and computer graphics company said first-quarter earnings were higher than analysts had ex-

Crown Cork & Seal rose 21/8 to 38% after it said it would take a charge of \$68 million against third-quarter earnings to close 10 North American metalpackaging plants and reorganize three others.

Alpha Industries rose 1/4 to 6¼ after the electronics company said year-to-date orders had rpassed expectations, principally on the strength of wireless munications activity.

A buy recommendation from Dean Witter Reynolds helped Automatic Data Processing stock rise 1% to 56%. (Bloomberg, AP)

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PHONES: Price of Trans-Atlantic Calls Seen Falling

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Lloyd's Has Plan on Debts LONDON - The 300-year-

old Lloyd's of London insurance market announced a new strategy Thursday for collecting debts from its individual backers. known as "names." Lloyd's chief executive officer, Peter Middleton said Lloyd's would try to reach agreement with names through dialogue and would come to a settlement with those names whose liablities exceeded their assets.

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Prices Report Calms Inflation Fears

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Prices for raw materials and finished goods fell this month while manufacturing in the Philadelphia area continued to expand, according to a monthly survey released Thursday by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Fed's September price index for raw materials. fell to 40.4 from 48.4 in August, while its prices received index for manufactured goods fell to 15.0 from 24.5. Economists said the

report was likely to relieve fears of inflation. Separately, the Commerce Department said business inverted tories piled up for the fourth month in a row in July, using O. percent as sales tapered off. Though the increase in inventories was the smallest gain since a 0.2 percent decline in March, many analysts said it suggested businesses may have overestimated consumer demand for goods. Compared with the level in July. 1993, inventories rose 3.9 percent.

ITT Plans Sell-Off to Invest in Media

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) -- ITT Corp. plans to raise about \$4' billion to finance media and entertainment acquisitions by selling businesses in commercial finance, commercial installment lending and reinsurance, a person close to the company said Thursday. The finance and insurance units being sold generated about

The finance and insurance units being sold generated about \$271 million in operating income last year on revenue of \$1.44" billion. They had total assets of \$11.62 billion. ITT plans to keepits ITT Hartford insurance unit, the person said.

ITT, in partnership with Cablevision Systems Corp., entered the media and entertainment business in late August with its \$1.075 billion purchase of New York's Madison Square Garden' from Viacom Inc. The Garden includes the nation's largest regional cable television sports network, a 20.000-seat arena, a performance theater and the New York Knickerbockers and New Port States of New York Knickerbockers and New Port States of States o performance theater and the New York Knickerbockers and New York Rangers sports teams. The company also is reportedly bidding to acquire General Electric Co.'s NBC television network.

Lear Seating Buys Fiat's Seat Maker 🤼

SOUTHFIELD, Michigan (Reuters) - Lear Seating Corp. said Thursday it agreed to buy an automotive seating supplier from Fiat SpA for about \$160 million, significantly expanding its

European presence.

As part of the acquisition of SEPI SpA, Lear, said it would enter, into a supply agreement with Fiat for the newly acquired unit to provide nearly all of Fiat's European auto seats.

SEPI had sales of about 553 billion lire (\$354 million) last year.

and has about 1,800 employees. Lear, with sales of nearly \$2 billion, last year, has about 19,500 workers in 60 facilities worldwide.

FCC Considers Blocking QVC Sale

NEW YORK (NYT) - The Federal Trade Commission is considering blocking the sale of QVC Inc., the cable home shopping company, to Comcast Corp. and Tele-Communications

Inc., according to a person close to the discussions.

The FTC is said to be worried about the concentration of power in the cable home shopping industry that Tele-Communications would hold after such a deal. Tele-Communications, the largest. U.S. cable operator, already owns 80 percent of Home Shopping.

Network Inc. and would own 43 percent of QVC after the deal.

The source said Wednesday the agency seemed to be signaling. that it had reservations about the deal and was not just asking for

mere formalities. If so, its requests for additional data could delay, the deal for months and perhaps cause it to be abandoned.

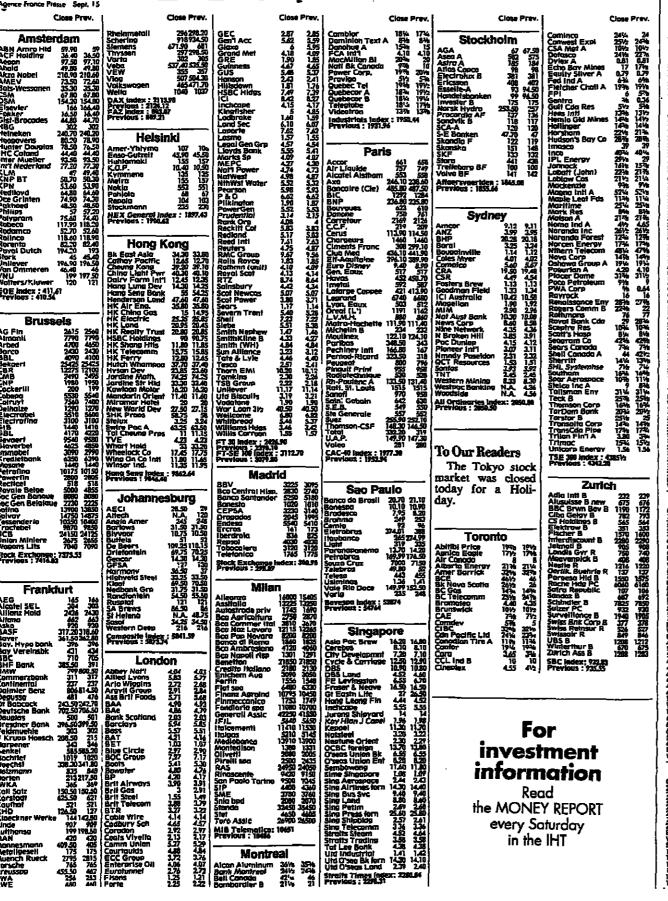
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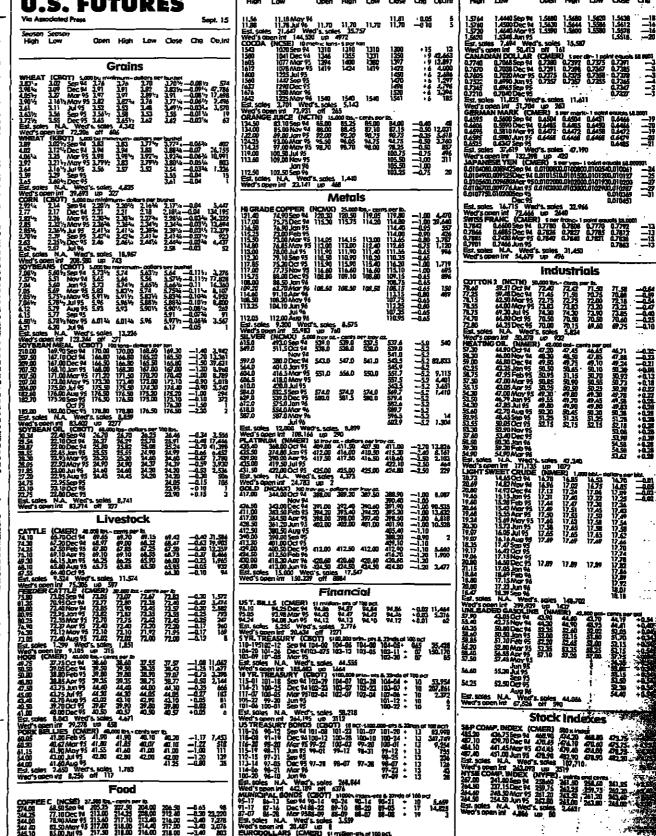
Health Systems International Inc. said it planned to acquire M.D. Enterprises of Connecticut Inc., a physician-owned health maintenance organization, for \$101 million in stock. (Bloomberg)

Raytheon Co. said it would combining two divisions to form Raytheon Aircraft Co., a consolidation that will cost 940 workers their jobs. The company is merging Beech Aircraft Corp. and Raytheon Corporate Jets. The new company will have annual sales of \$1.7 billion. (Bloomberg)

Profit Market Research sent mystery shoppers to 50 major U.S. financial institutions to ask for advice on how to invest \$35,000. The survey gave high marks for disclosure and customer service to Bank of America, while ranking Great Western and Wells Fargo among the worst performers.

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America and Latin America. It forecast stronger profit growth in the second half and a slight rise in full-year sales.

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riencing downward margin pressure," Sylvain Massot, an analyst at Morgan Stanley & Co. in London, said.

Other analysts were also impressed by the rise, saying it reflected Nestle's corporate restructuring, strong growth in Asia, price increases and a good performance from high-margin products such as its Nescafé

brand of instant coffee. Nestlé said the strength of the Swiss currency cut operating profit by 338 million francs after currency translations, compared with 108 million

francs a year earlier. The company said in July that sales in the first half were down 0.7 percent to 27.35 bilhon Swiss francs, largely because of the rise in the currency.

"Nestlé is the first company that can stand up and clearly say we're seeing an improve-ment in Europe," Wilhelm Blaeuer, an analyst at Union Bank of Switzerland, said.

Many analysts forecast saying Nestlé should benefit from a surge in drinks sales during this year's hot summer in Europe and North America and surging coffee prices caused by frost damage in South America.

Nestlė said sales volume improved in North and South America and expanded vigorously in Asia. Volume was flat in Europe, but that represented an improvement from the previous year's slight decline.

In 1993, Nestlė had consolidated net profit of 2.89 billion Swiss francs on sales of 57.49 billion francs.

Expenditure for acquisitions and participations amounted to 928 million francs in the first (Bloomberg, Reuters)

End of Road for Italy's SME Rinascente and Benetton to Make Bids

MILAN - Rinascente SpA and Benetton SDA said Thursday they were leading groups that would make competing offers to buy the remnants of a once-large, government-controlled food company.

The two companies will submit bids by Thursday night for the Autogrill highway restaurant company and the GS supermarket chain, which are the last units to be sold of the state-owned SME Meridionale SpA.

Together, they are estimated to be sold for about 2 trillion lire (\$1.27 billion).

Rinascente, a leading department store chain controlled by the Agnelli family, said it was teaming up with Banca Commerciale Italiana SpA and the private chocolate maker Ferrero to bid for the SME operations.

The other group consists of the clothing maker Benetton, the supermarket chain PAM and the Swiss hotel company Movenpick. A Benetton spokeswoman, Laura Pollini, said that if its group were successful, Benet-

ton would keep Autogrill's 200 highway restaurants, while PAM would take GS. PAM, whose initials stand for "more for less" in Italian, is a private Venice-based

supermarket chain. A spokesman at Rinascente confirmed the

group's bid, but could not give details about the price. IFIL SpA, an Agnelli family holding company, is providing what the spokes-man called "external support" for the bid.

Final binding offers for what's left of SME were due Thursday evening. The Italian state holding company Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, or IRI, which owns 68 per-cent of SME, will review the offers with its financial adviser Wasserstein Perella & Co. and make a decision in the next few weeks.

IRI has already sold off SME's frozen foods, edible oils and canned vegetable units, receiving about 1 trillion lire from the sales.

The sale of the remaining operations will complete the Italian government's withdrawal from the food industry. The breakup and sale of SME has dragged on for two years because of political opposition and constantly changing plans by the government.

SME's share price has climbed about 5 percent since early September, whereas the wider market has dropped about 3.5 percent. Analysts said the sale price for SME is much higher than its current share price.

Nomura Research and BNL Eurosecurities-Crédit Lyonnais have estimated SME's market value at 2.1 to 2.3 trillion lire, which works out to 4,850 lire a share.

Its shares traded Thursday at 3,780 lire, valuing the entire company at about 1.7 tril-

Schneider Accused of Tax Evasion

FRANKFURT - German prosecutors on Thursday added tax evasion to their list of charges against the fugitive real estate developer Jürgen Schneider, who brought about the collapse of one of Germany's biggest property empires.

The Frankfurt public prosecutor's office said it was levying the new charge against Mr. Schneider, adding to the existing counts of credit fraud, document falsification and removing money from his companies while knowing they were about

ance in April led to the collapse of his company, Dr. Jürgen Schneider AG, under 5 billion Deutsche marks (\$3 billion) of bank debts.

Mr. Schneider resorted to criminal activities to cover up ed from Paris. losses at his business, amounting to "several hundreds of million Deutsche marks" every year since 1992, Hildegard Becker-Touissaint, a prosecutor, said Thursday.

The prosecutor's office said Mr. Schneider paid employees paying tax on that money.

■ Warrant Issued in France A judge issued an arrest war-

rant Thursday for the chairman of Société Financière de Radiodiffusion SA, the latest in a probe into suspected corruption in France, Reuters report-

Jean-Louis Dutaret, a lawyer and close aide to the former communications minister Alain Carignon, has been held for questioning with his sister for the past two days in Paris. The warrant allows a judge in Lyon to place both of them under "several million marks," without judicial investigation. justice

Economy Gives Lift To Gobain

Bloomberg Business News

said Thursday its first-half net profit almost tripled, to 1.26 billion French francs (\$239 million) from 452 million francs a year earlier, largely because of a nascent recovery in Europe and the company's restructuring

rials and glass for the automotive and construction industries increased its operating profit 50 percent, to 3.50 billion francs. The figure represented 9.2 percent of sales, up from 6.6 percent a year earlier.

First-half sales rose 6 per-cent, to 38.04 billion francs from 35.74 billion francs, and net debt fell to 10,20 billion francs from 18.07 billion francs as of June 30, 1993.

The recovery in sales volume was strong in America showed some improvement in Europe. the company said.

Separately, Chargeurs SA, a French textile and communications company, said it swung to a first-half net profit of 213 million francs from a first-half loss

of 209 million francs in 1993. ■ Indosuez Posts Profit Rise

Banque Indosuez, a subsidiary of Compagnie de Suez SA, reported a 24 percent rise in first-half net profit and said it had cut provisions for problem loans by 50 percent.

The banking company said profit was 412 million francs, compared with a restated 332 million francs a year earlier.

Its chairman, Gerard Worms. in a radio interview from China called the result "satisfactory but insufficient." He added, "We have more ambitious objectives for 1995 and 1996 than these kind of figures."

Banque Indosuez reduced its bad-debt provisions to 632 million francs from 1.31 billion francs it set aside a year earlier.

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 Zeneca Group PLC said Sydney Lipworth, now deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank, would succeed Denys Henderson as chairman of the company after its annual meeting on May 12. • Minorco SA said low metals prices offset a 13 percent increase in

sales to force down pretax profit 9 percent in the year to June, to \$308.8 million. · Royal Dutch/Shell Group raised the interim dividend on its

British shares by 9.8 percent and on its Dutch shares by 2.7 • Medeva PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC said they had

reached several agreements aimed at expanding their companies' franchises in the worldwide vaccines market. • Cartiere Burgo SpA, Italy's biggest paper producer, said it

decided to exercise its option to acquire an operation in Belgium from Investud SA for 20 billion lire (\$13 million). Courtaulds Textiles PLC said its pretax profit fell nearly 3 percent in the first half, to £10.1 million (\$16 million), because of a

loss by its recently acquired hosiery businesses. British retail sales fell 0.3 percent in August from July but rose 2.8 percent from August 1993, the government said.

• Metallgesellschaft AG said it would sell its 47 percent stake in

Kolbenschmidt AG to institutional investors and said T&N PLC had options to acquire a stake of up to 52.5 percent in Kolbensch-

ALLIANCE: IBM-Apple Venture's Challenge to the Intel-Microsoft Standard Hits the Skids

Scott Inc. Continued from Page 11

home-country use by companies like Acer Inc. of Taiwan and Toshiba Corp. of Japan. Sensitive to its critics, Apple has scheduled a "clarification" briefing on Monday.

For its part, IBM appears to new OS/2 will work only with be placing new emphasis on its personal computers using Intel OS/2 operating system. OS/2, around for years, has never had a big following. But IBM has spent considerable time and money improving it lately, and to introduce an entirely new version that has drawn praise. from the industry experts who

the IBM personal software products division, said the company would spend as much as \$500 million to market and ad-

The initial versions of the

new OS/2 will work only with chips. But within a year, IBM expects to have a Power PC version of OS/2 ready. Until then, unless IBM obtains a license for Apple's System 7.5 software, IBM's Power PC machines will run on the Microsoft

vertise the new OS/2.

ence, Lee Reiswig, president of ademics and computer scientists.

It would seem, as a result. that not only have IBM and may eventually find themselves available for the machines that in direct competition, with in- no one would buy them. compatible versions of Power PC hardware and software.

The Apple-IBM alliance is world, a personal computer industry news weekly. "There are billions of dollars sitting out Windows NT operating system or on IBM's version of the industry-standard Unix software used primarily by engineers, ac-

Mr. Alsop wrote an Infoworld editorial last week urging IBM to delay introduc-tion of its Power PC computers, Apple stopped cooperating on contending that there would be Power PC development — they so little distinctive software

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The idea emerged from the success IBM was having in ear ly 1991 with its new RS-6000 work station, a sophisticated computer for engineers and other "power users" that was based on a type of chip archi-

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tecture known as RISC - for reduced instruction set computing. One of IBM's designers of the RS-6000, Phil Hester, convinced Jack Kuehler, who was then IBM's president and vice chairman, that RISC chips could find success in other types of computers.

intel, then and now, has the combination of Apple's avoided RISC technology in fas software wizardry and IBM's hardware-making prowess as vor of a more conventional ap-

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Oslo Oil Plan Disappoints

OSLO - Norway, Europe's top oil producer, proposed changes on Thursday aimed at stimulating exploration of the country's continental shelf, but oil companies were disappointed in the amount of incentive the government offered. Industry and Energy Minister Jens Stoltenberg did not announce any new tax reductions.

A spokesman for Conoco Inc., a subsidiary of Du Pont Co., said "We are operating in all corners of the world, and could get much more lucrative deals in other parts of the world."

The Labor government proposed to scrap the so-called cluding the continental shelf. The sliding scale, which allows the state to increase its stake in profitable fields, will not be dropped in several other areas, Mr. Stoltenberg said.

A spokesman for Norsk Hydro A/S said the company had hoped the government "would use this opportunity to scrap the sliding scale completely."

NordLB Has Part Of Berlin Bank

Bloomberg Business News BERLIN - Bankgesellschaft

Berlin AG said Thursday it had formed a "strategic alliance" with Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale that calls for NordLB to take a 10 percent stake in the Berlin bank. Martin Rassfeld, spokesman

for Bankgesellschaft Berlin. not been determined, but would be from 800 million to 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$520 million

to \$650 million).

The Berlin bank's shares traded at 386 DM Thursday, down 3.50 DM, which would value the company at 8.04 billion marks.

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Dance of the Cellular Elephants: Grab a Partner!

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Cellular telephones may be getting smaller and lighter, but the industry is on the way to being dominated by a handful of huge companies. With AT&T Corp. expected to complete its \$12.6 billion purchase of McCaw Cellular Communications Inc. any day now, the regional Bell companies are rushing to form cellular

telephone partnerships that can match AT&T in reach and marketing clout. In what one executive called the "dance of elephants," virtually every big participant is talking to everyone else. Many telecommunications executives are convinced that they must be

part of a nationwide network with a national brand name. Executives at Bell Atlantic Corp., which already agreed to pool its cellular properties with Nynex Corp., confirmed Wednesday they were discussing a possible deal with Sprint Corp., the third-largest U.S. long-distance carrier and a big cellular company in its own right.

But Bell Atlantic is also talking with several other Bell companies, notably Pacific Telesis Group in San Francisco and Ameritech Corp. in Chicago.
"The Bell companies' cellular

units are feeling the impending competitive threat from McCaw. and they are equally frustrated at their own lack of scale and lack of brand-name recognition," said Daniel P. Reingold, a Street analysts have predicted

Merrill Lynch & Co.

For customers, the consolidations are likely to mean fewer so-called roaming charges for people who travel to distant cities and faster introduction of new features like messaging or

paging functions.
Adding to the pressure to strike deals is an impending deadline at the Federal Communications Commission. By early November, companies that intend to participate in the coming auctions for a new generation of wireless personal communication services must let the FCC know in which cities they intend to bid for licenses.

Because the FCC is restricting local cellular companies to bidding only on certain types of the personal-communicationservice licenses in each market. big communications companies such as the Bells need to decide

soon what services they intend to provide in any given market. Thus the urge to merge, or at least to form loose cellular alliances — quickly.

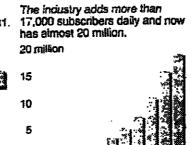
Air Touch Communications,

the cellular company that was spun off from Pacific Telesis Group earlier this year and which recently teamed up with the regional Bell in Denver, U S West Inc., is still looking for other partners. Air Touch, like many of the companies that are seeking alliances, would not

comment on its efforts. Meanwhile, many Wall **Cellular Phone Partnerships**

How the operators would rank after link-ups Ranked by potential customers in markets where each operator holds a majority interest in licenses, as of Dec. 31. For example, if an operator controls 60 percent of an area's licenses, its potential customers in the area equal 60 percent of the population.

Bell Atlantic/Nynex/Sprint AT&T/McCaw Air Touch/US West Bell South 3 Source: Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association



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that Southwestern Bell Corp., currently the nation's sixthlargest cellular operator, would cement an alliance with AT&T soon after the deal with McCaw Southwestern Bell's proper-

ties include cellular systems in Boston and Washington, which would mesh well with properties that AT&T will soon control in New York. The intentions of BellSouth

Corp. remain unclear. The company, which is based in Atlanta and serves much of the Southeast, held discussions about a personal-communication-service partnership with Bell Atlantic more than a year ago. Although those talks came to nothing, a BellSouth alliance with Bell Atlantic and Nynex Corp. would create a network spanning the East Coast.

landscape are cable-television companies, which are eager to use their networks as an means for linking cellular telephones. Companies such as Time Warner Inc., Comcast Corp. and Cablevision Systems Corp. own cable networks in metropolitan markets but are looking for capital and expertise in the

Rightly or wrongly, most cellular companies are convinced that they have to be big if they are to successfully reach the mass consumer market.

cellular business.

AT&T has one of the best brand identities in the country, and it already advertises on a nationwide scale. It can also use its own huge database to identify the most desirable customers. Its long-distance business al-

Also surveying the cellular of long-distance service, and its calling card operations can reveal the most frequent travelers. In general, a national cellular company is in a much better

position than a local company

to offer free or low-cost roam-

ing services that allow people to

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wherever they travel. Industry executives also believe that brand-name identification will be steadily more important as competition intensifies in the cellular business. The coming auctions will make room on the airwaves for at least three full-fledged rivals to today's cellular companies.

"There's going to be a flood of spectrum on the market," said Blake Bath, an analyst at proposal last week from Ameri-Sanford Bernstein & Co. "Any- tech, arguing that Ameritech one who wants to provide wire- was placing too high a value on ready knows the biggest users less service will be able to do it. its wireless operations.

to something they know."

Many cellular executives feel the only truly valuable national brand names in telecommunications are those of the longdistance carriers. Because AT&T is aligned with McCaw, and generally at odds with the Bell companies on many issues, Sprint and MCI Communications Corp. may be the most desirable franchises in the industry for cellular companies seeking a national partner.

MCI may be particularly approachable, because it has no cellular operations yet. The company suddenly finds itself without a cellular strategy, after recently calling off its plans to team up with Nextel Communications, which is building a nationwide wireless network by upgrading radio services for taxi and truck fleets.

Still, new cellular deals may prove difficult to strike, as the players wrestle over the comparative value of their businesses and control. AT&T's deal with McCaw almost collapsed amid disagreements about the use of the AT&T name. The disagreements were resolved because AT&T ultimately decided to acquire all of McCaw. The Bell companies have

been at odds with each other on issues of valuation and control of their cellular properties. Bell Atlantic executives rebuffed a Buyers' Quandary: What Price NBC?

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NEW YORK - For Time Warner Inc., ITT Corp., Walt Disney Co. and other potential buyers of NBC, the big questions are: how much it is worth and how much of it are they willing to buy?

Pricing in this case is a tricky task. Walt Disney Co. is said to be offering nearly \$5 billion for all of NBC. while Time Warner Inc. is considering a deal for mainly the television network at about \$2.5 billion. The most glamorous com-ponent of NBC is the net-

work, which produces and distributes entertainment and news programming. But the network has little value without the seven television stations and 214 affiliates that carry programs to 9.7 million homes on an average evening. Any attempt to break off the NBC network from NBC's stations would seriously weaken the network's value.

That is a particularly tough problem for Time Warner, which faces intense regulatory problems since it is already the second-largest U.S. cable operator. The government precludes cable

By Geraldine Fabrikant companies from owning television stations in their own markets.

Time Warner and General Electric Co., which towns NBC, have discussed a deal

that would give Time Warner only the network. A buyer who would get just the network would not get much, either strategically

or financially.

Analysis said the profit margin of the network was only about 5 percent to 7 percent, while the television stations generated annual operating profit of \$200 million to \$250 million, with margins of around 40 per-

NBC's major cable entity. CNBC, a financial and business service available in 52 million homes, "is worth at least \$500 million," according to Bishop Cheen, who follows broadcasting for Paul Kagan Associates. How much is all of NBC

worth? Jessica Reif, who follows the media for Merrill Lynch & Co., puts the total value at \$4 billion to \$4.5 billion. There is scarcity value, for sure," she said "But at the same time, it is a cyclical business. It is boom times now at the networks. but they don't last forever.

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It was the first big naturalgas discovery announced by foreign companies exploring for oil and gas off Vietnam

The gas discoveries could be expected to play a key role in supplying Vietnam's emerging domestic gas market," the company said in a statement issued in Hanoi on behalf of its partnership with Indian and Norwegian companies.

They would work closely with Vietnamese authorities, to ensure of this resource and to try to achieve an early A State of the sta commercial development." Stittees From 18 & Strate of the State of th

BP said it had found "encouraging discoveries of gas" in the Nam Con Son Basin southcast of Ho Chi Minh City, with recoverable reserves from two adjacent fields estimated at 2 trillion cubic feet (57 billion cubic meters) of gas.

" Michael Yeldham, BP's chief executive in Vietnam, said the oil equivalent would be 350 million barrels, in the same range as Vietnam's offshore Dai Hung (Big Bear) oil field, where the operator, BHP Petroleum of Australia, expects to start

pumping crude next month. "In world terms, it's not enormous," Mr. Yeldham said. "But it's an interesting volume." He said Vietnam still had to decide how the gas would be used.

sibility of exporting gas by pipe to Thailand or in liquid form to Japan and other Asian markets. BP and its partners, Statoil of Norway and Oil & Natural Gas Corp. of India, hoped to get government approval to start a detailed feasibility study by the end of the year, he said. The study would take another year.

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cials have also talked of the pos-

BP, with 30 percent, is the operator for the partnership in Vietnam's Block Six. The Indian partner has 55 percent and Statoil holds 15 percent. Petro-Vietnam, the state oil company, has an option to acquire 5 percent equity from BP and Statoil.

"The gas reservoirs are highly productive, achieving flow rates in excess of 80 million cubic feet per day during testing operations," the statement said.

"The partnership is confident that the recently completed appraisal drilling program has successfully identified poten-tially commercial quantities of gas," it said.

It said developing the gas was expected to require the laying of a submarine pipeline 400 kilometers (250 miles) from the fields to the coast.

Mr. Yeldham said the development cost would be \$1 billion, and the cost of facilities, for instance, a big power plant, could also \$1 billion. The BP wells West Orchid

and Red Orchid make up Vietnam's first field for gas alone. But a consortium of British Gas The reserves were enough to generate electricity for Ho Chi Mitsui & Co., and PetroViet-Minh City, the country's biggest nam, will probably be Viet-city with 4 million people, for 25

Broad Horizons for TV Technology Wide-Screen Overtakes High-Definition in Japan

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - With its highdefinition televisions getting a disappointing response from consumers, Japan has begun moving toward a different system, one designed to make home viewing like going to the

Japanese consumers have been flocking in recent months to buy television sets with extra-wide screens, heralding what could be a permanent shift in the shape of tele-vision pictures here and eventually worldwide.

Sales of wide-screen televisions in Japan are expected to soar to between 1 million and million this year from 300,000 last year and 44,000 in 1992, the first year of sale. This would mean that wide-

screen units would account

for about one of every eight television sets bought in Japan this year. The sales could receive an even bigger lift next year, when Japanese television stations begin broadcasting for a wide format. Sales of the new sets

also are under way in the United States, Europe and Asia. The broadcasts planned by Japanese stations next year, known as EDTV-2, or enhanced-definition television, will provide better-quality pictures than conventional television, although not as good as high-definition televi-

High-definition television offers a wider picture than existing sets and an image that is sharper. But the popularity of wide-screen television suggests that consumers might be satisfied with the wider picture alone and unwilling to pay for higher resolution.

EDTV-2 is compatible with the existing television system,

but wide-screen television sets now sold in Japan need a decoder to receive the higher picture quality.

Enhanced-definition television, originally seen as an intermediate step toward highdefinition television, is also being developed in Europe. American engineers, meanwhile, are going directly to digital high-definition television.

In the wide format, the shape of the television screen matches that of movie frames, so that films can be shown without clipping off the edges, as happens on conventional television screens. Proponents say the wider picture fills the field of vision more completely, giving the viewer more of a feeling of being at the scene.

"It's more natural" for human eyes to view a wide scene, said Tadao Kubodera, general manager of the Japan television department at Sony Corp. Sony, which has introduced

television set can operate.

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'Robomom' to Set Limits

SINGAPORE - Children and other would-be television

The device, which is to be launched in Singapore on

junkies may now have to reckon with "Robomom," an elec-

tronic gadget that controls the amount of time the family

Sunday, also is being considered for eventual export to

Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and the United States,

Steven Chan, managing director of Informatics Engineering Pte., said Thursday. He said the product, a small black box to

be priced at 129 Singapore dollars (\$87), could be pro-

grammed to turn off the television after a certain number of

hours operation per day or per week.

He also said the microprocessor-driven "electronic telesit-

ter" had several other features that were being patented. He

Mr. Chan, who said he had tested the product with his three

He said the device was "tamper-proof" and could only be

children aged 4 to 11, said Robomom was not a replacement

for parental responsibility but "a form of electronic agree-

format, is also promoting wide-screen television for video games. The wide screens stretch the video image so the game characters cover more ground and seem to move more quickly across the screen.

The ratio of the width to the length of the wide screens is 16 to 9, which makes them a third wider than the 4-to-3 aspect ratio of conventional television sets.

The new sets are best when used with wide-format broadcasts or videocassettes. They handle conventional broadcasts or tapes by stretching the picture across the screen,

distorting it a bit.
Yolchi Morishita, president
of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., predicted that widescreen television sets would eventually become commonplace in homes.

Executives of Sanyo Electric Co. forecast that wide-

a video camera in the wide screen sets would be in 15 percent of Japanese homes by the end of this year and 80 percent by 2000. Prices for the sets in Japan

range from about \$600 for a small model to \$4,000 for a large, deluxe model; high-definition sets, on the other hand, still cost more than \$6,000. With an adapter, wide-screen sets can receive high-definition broadcasts, but with only normal resolution.

The boom in wide-screen sales has cheered Japan's consumer electronics companies, which have been suffering from an economic slump, maturing markets and a dearth of popular new products.

Mr. Morishita and other executives, however, said widescreen television would not be the kind of blockbuster item that could rescue the industry by itself.

It is an improvement on existing television sets, but not a new product as the videocassette recorder was. Still, widescreen television is one of several potentially profitable new products, along with the minidisk audio system and the car navigation system.

Its spreading popularity, however, could be another nail in the coffin of Japan's high-definition television, which has failed to catch on because of high prices and a shortage of programming.

Many industry specialists also say Japan's HDTV system has a limited future because it uses an analog transmission system instead of the computer-like digital technology being developed in the United States.

Last year, only 10,000 HDTV sets were sold in Japan, compared with 8 million or more conventional sets.

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 Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. said it would withdraw from a consortium seeking to launch the Philippines' first satellite to set up a separate satellite-launching group; International Com-munications Corp. also is leaving the Agila consortium.

• Sung Hung Kai & Co. said first-half net profit rose 12 percent from a year earlier, to 187.3 million Hong Kong dollars (\$24 million). The brokerage concern left its dividend unchanged at 10

 Southeast Asian economic ministers will meet in Thailand next week to discuss setting up a free-trade zone in 10 years, instead of the original timetable of 15 years, beginning last year.

 India dropped most of its requirements for foreign companies to get government consent to make pharmaceutical goods and ended price controls on about half the 142 drugs affected by those rules.

• The Philippines' Securities and Exchange Commission said it was preparing a case against Interport Resources Corp. that could result in the first insider-trading conviction in its 58-year history. Australian banks have about 50 billion Australian dollars (\$37 billion) at risk in derivatives contracts, the Reserve Bank said, of which about 4 percent is in highly speculative investments.

• NEC Corp. adopted Philips Electronics NV's new standard for smooth digital transmission of spoken words. Philips announced in Amsterdam. The company said the Japanese concern would become the first company to make microchips under the new AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters

Dairy Farm to Leave Hong Kong Bourse

HONG KONG - Dairy Farm International Ltd., the retailing subsidiary of Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd., said Thursday it would delist its common shares from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange effective

The company said its principal listing would continue to be in London and it would also trade in Luxembourg, Singapore and Australia. The move had been expected because

the two main Jardine companies, Jardine Matheson and Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd., announced in March they would de-list effective Dec 31.

Jardine Matheson moved its legal domi-cile from Hong Kong to Bermuda in 1984, and it has since listed itself and its subsid-iaries on other stock exchanges.

asked the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission for an exemption from the Hong Kong code, which was denied and prompted the move to delist.

Dairy Farm also said Thursday that a ne-time gain helped its first-half net profit jump 53 percent, to \$101.6 million. The profit included a gain of \$41.8 million from the sale of a Hong Kong factory site.

up from \$2.4 billion in the first half of 1993. Dairy Farm has experienced more se-

vere competition in some of its major markets but continued to make progress with its international development," Simon Keswick, the company chairman, said.

Dairy Farm owns Wellcome supermarkets and 7-Eleven convenience stores in Consequently, its Dairy Farm subsiding Hong Kong, It also has retailing operations iary became subject to Bermuda's takeover in China, Singapore, Taiwan, Britain, Aus-

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code in July. Because of this, Dairy Farm tralia, New Zealand and Spain. The company said it expected its operating profit for 1994 to remain close to the 1993 level.

Dairy Farm's delisting is part of Jardine's attempt to reduce its risk exposure before Hong Kong returns to Chinese rule

Jardine has had a rocky relationship with China since the early 19th century. when its founders were involved in the opium trade. The relations soured further over the company's attempts to distance itself from Hong Kong before the colony's handover to China.

Beijing this week accused the Hong Kong government of awarding a major port con-tract to a consortium involving Jardine be-cause it said Jardine supported Governor Chris Patten's democratic reforms.

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Khashoggi in Thai Market

BANGKOK — The arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi is negotiating to buy major stakes in three Thai companies, an official of the Thai stock market said Thursday.

The official identified the companies as Semiconductor Ventures International, Jalaprathan Cement Co. and Morakot Indus-

try, a maker of palm oil. Ine official said Semiconductor Ventures shareholders had signed a preliminary agreement to sell a 40 percent stake to Mr. Khashoggi for about \$25 million, which he said was about \$7 million, or 39 percent, more than the market value of the stake. The Saudi-born Mr. Khashoggi also was said to be seeking a 25 percent stake in the cement company. The projected price was not disclosed. The official said the market value of the stake would be about \$62 million. The official said Semiconductor Ventures shareholders had

In addition, Mr. Khashoggi may buy a 47 percent stake in Morakot, valued at about \$45 million on the open market.

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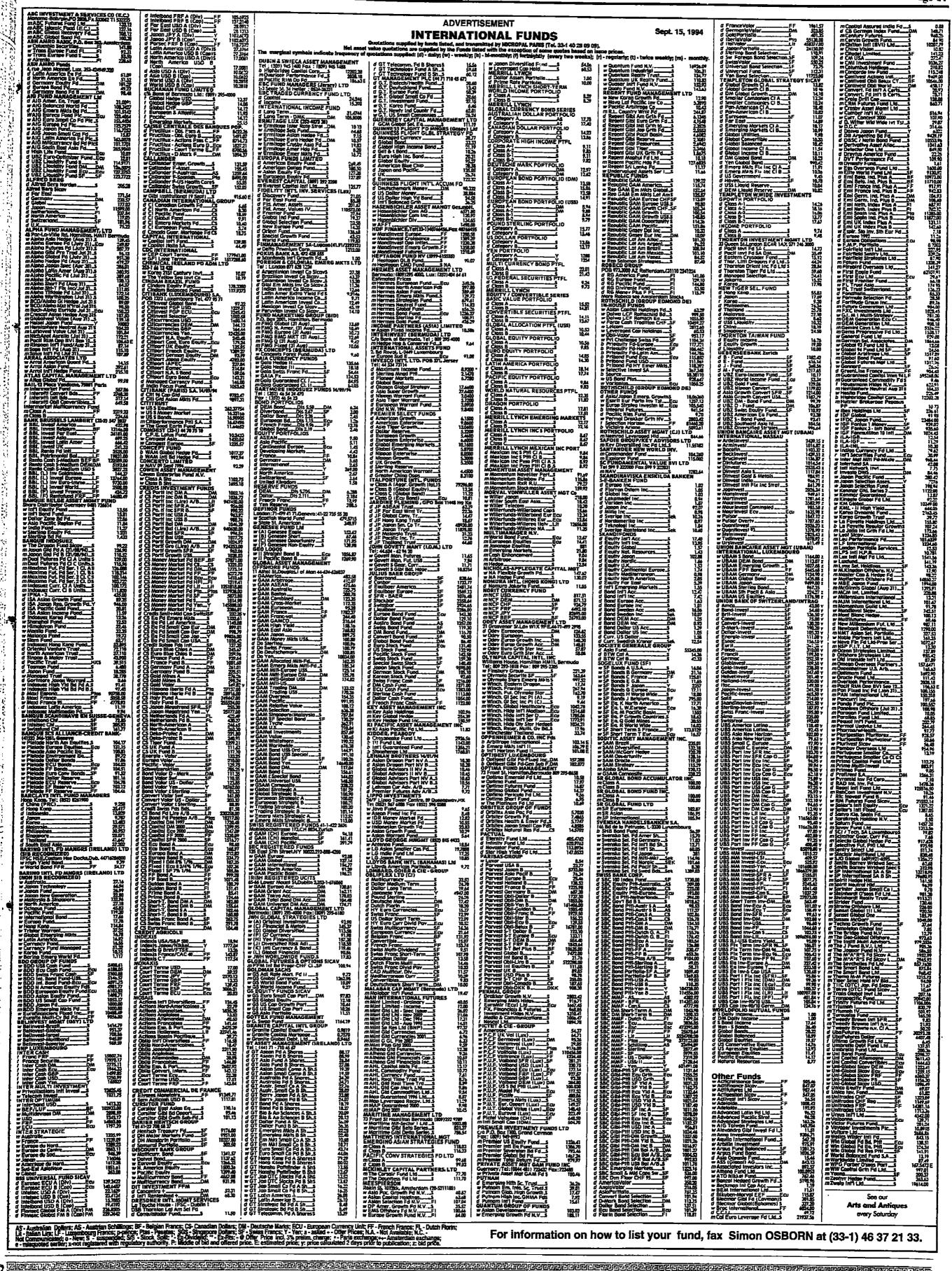
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Storms, on 2 Fronts, Strike British Masters

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

WOBURN, England - The first round of the British Masters became a wash-out Thursday when, after 24 hours of heavy rain that was continuing, play was called off at noon.

The tournament's director, Mike Stewart, said that, conditions

allowing the first round will be played Friday, the second round Saturday and the final 36 holes crammed into Sunday. The forecast for Friday was for rain at times, some of it heavy, while the outlook for the weekend was for showers becoming isolated. During the wait for clearer skies, the English Ryder Cup player Mark James took Nick Faldo to task over his compatriot's

criticism of the European Tour. James accused the game's superstars of being "dominated by money to a ridiculous degree" after reading Faldo's comments that the European tour had not made as much progress as the American circuit in the past 10 years. And, said Faldo, he was thinking of rejoining the U.S. tour next season.

James, 40, a member of the European tour's tournament committee, said: "I've been talking to other players and they cannot believe the comments that Nick has made. I think Nick must have been playing a different tour to the rest of us. Our money has gone up in leaps and bounds and facilities have improved enormously,



More Than One European Soccer Champion Has a Bumpy Ride

Royals Fire McRae,

Gooden Fails Tests

KANSAS CITY, Missouri —

Hal McRae was fired Thursday

as manager of the Kansas City

General Manager Herk Rob-

inson said McRae and all his

coaches had been let go because

the team would have a lot of young players next year and

Robinson said he did not

Pitcher Dwight Gooden.

suspended for cocaine use, has

more than once since his release

from a rehabilitation center, the

The Mets said they had been

advised by league officials that Gooden "has committed addi-tional violations of both his af-

tercare program and the com-

60 days on June 28 when he

tested positive for cocaine use.

Gooden was suspended for

missioner's office drug policy.'

New York Mets confirmed.

change was needed.

have a successor in mind.

Royals.

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LONDON — IFK Gothenburg's
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Substitute Sergei Rebrov scored the Ukrainian champions rally from a 20 deficit to beat Spartak Moscow, 3-2, in a match between bitter rivals from the former Soviet Union.

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The pilot of the team's charter plane, with 39 people on board, turned back to the Manchester airport after noticing unusual vibrations and called for emergency assistance to land, the SAS airline

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defense without nine players because of suspensions and injuries, and never tested Ajax goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar.
"Beginning like this at home to AC

Milan gives us a great feeling of self-belief," Ajax captain Danny Blind said.

and Jari Litmanen on the wet Olympic Basten, Alessandro Costacurta and

winner with four minutes to play after two goals from teammate Viktor Leon-

Organizers said they received some 1 million requests for tickets for the Group B game, the first in Kiev since Ukraine gained independence three

years ago.

In Manchester, Ryan Giggs scored two opportunistic goals as United held off Gothenburg in Group A.

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48th minute

The Lost Season That Still C That Still Counts

There were no proper good-

byes this season. The cancellation of the rest of the season was the antithesis of end. Just last year, for instance, the World Series ended with a game-winning home run by Joe Carter of the Toronto Blue Jays. Nothing like that will happen this October.

If you wanted to see Tony Gwynn hit .400, you'll have to

Don Mattingly in a playoff game? Not this year anyway. Roger Maris's home run record? It's safe.

The list goes on and on: would've beens and could've beens that ought've been but

"Tragic is what it is," said the Phillies' pitcher, Curt Schilling. Baseball, as I knew it growing

up, is gone." For the record, though, there will be such postseason awards as those for most valuable player and the Cy Young Award. Ballots go out this weekend and the announcements will come

in mid-October. And like it or not, the Texas Rangers, Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, Montreal Expos, Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers can call themselves division champions, if they want to.

"I think there would be some skeptics if we did, for sure," said Marty Conway, the Rang-

ers' head of marketing. There also are batting cham-pions (Tony Gwynn, .394 and Paul O'Neill, .359), home run champions (Matt Williams, 43, and Ken Griffey Jr., 40) and Vegas Winners and Losers

LAS VEGAS - There were winners here, those who had bet the way baseball is supposed to that Toronto would win another World Series, or that San Diego actually might win its division. They will get something they probably thought they'd never see: Their money back.

The losers were those who had wagered on the Yankees at 15-1 to win the World Series, or the Oakland A's, those once 300-1 shots who made an improbable late bid to take it all. They, too, will get their money back, a small consolation.

We would have lost \$2 million if the A's had won the World Series," said the Mirage sports book director, Jinamy Vaccaro, "If I had a ticket on the Oakland A's, I'd be screaming for them to keep playing."

strikeout leaders (Andy Benes, 189, and Randy Johnson, 204). "You feel terrible about Tony, losing his shot at .400," said the Padres' general manager, Randy Smith. "It was probably one of the best wais for baseball in a long time until

August. Now it tarnishes effery-thing for the year."

There were Lee Smith 33 saves, Jimmy Key's 17-freebrd, Jeff Bagwell's 116 runs based in, Greg Maddux's 1.56 canned-

run average.
None of it really matters but all of it counts. il of it counts.

There were so many memora-

ble moments, too, from Gwynn's game-ending slide into home plate at the Ali-Star game to the no-hitters pitched by Kent Mercker and Scott Erickson, and Kenny Rogers'

perfect game.

"It was great to throw that game, but it's forgotten, basically," Rogers said. "I really don't have any joy from this year at oil." year at ail."

DOUBLES—Bigglo, Houston, 44; L.Walker, Montreal, 44; J.Bell, Pitts-burgh, 35; T.Gwynn, San Diego, 35; 81-The great accomplishments and riveting subplots that made this such a great season are now mostly forgotten.

No one will recall for long that Ray Lankford opened the season with a home run or Johnson threw the final pitch on Aug. 11, striking out Ernie

Instead, the defining moment of the 1994 baseball season will be remembered as taking place in a VIP lounge at Milwaukee County Stadium, where Bud Selig told a hushed crowd and a tional television audience what they expected to hear, but dreaded nonetheless:

"We have reached the point where it is no longer practical to complete the remainder of the season or to preserve the integ-

rity of postseason play." Just like that. It was some good-bye.

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players finally made it home Thursday. several hours late and two goals short after their 4-2 defeat to Manchester United in a European Champions' League match the previous night.

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Second-half goals by Ronald de Boer

The victory also provided some redemp-

winner in the 50th minute.

In Paris, George Weah and Daniel Bravo scored as St. Germain beat Bayern Munich, 2-0, in Group B.

The other three Champions League matches ended in scoreles draws. matches ended in scoreless draws.

In Vienna, SV Casino Salzburg struggled through a miserable first half before finally applying the pressure to Greek champion AEK Athens in a Group D match.

There were also no goals in both ing home on Thursday.

Elsewhere on the opening night of play in the revamped, 16-team Champi
Marcel Desailly.

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Nearly 100,000 fans turned out at champions, eliminated by Galatasaray before the league stage last year. United duk Split vs. Benfica Lisbon in Split. Group C matches: Anderlecht vs.

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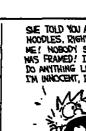
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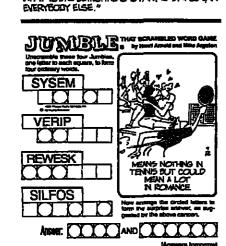
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SPORTS St Season Baseball, the Game, Lives Even if a National Pastime Died Long Ago By Robert Lineste

By Robert Lipsyte New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The National Pastime, which was buried Wednesday, died a long time ago.

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Of the three, the major league season will be the easiest to forget and eventually to resurrect in some other form. It had become an increasingly sour many soap opera, and it may just need a year or two of detoxification. It has to purge itself of the rage between the owners, who regard business as a committee sport, and the players, who regard competithe same and the s tive sport as a business.

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The most contemptible of the Lost Boys are those The game was encouraged, after the Civil War, as diverted America's attention when the game was the best little symbols of what went wrong. They as parvenus ruining the Pastime.

Quick quiz: Was it Tom Werner of the Padres or Harry Frazee of the Red Sox who sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees so he could help finance "No. No. Nanette"? Which Chicago White Sox owner, Jerry Reinsdorf or Charles

Comiskey, drove his players to dump the Vantage Point 1919 World Series?

Baseball the game will be fine. Baseball has less to do than one might think with the major league season. Baseball is about the family farm, which few of us grew up on, and it is about railroad trains keening in the night on the prairies, which few of us ever heard.

Little boys are still playing the game, more little girls are playing, and it is still the world's most interesting game, a duel, a chess match, a footrace, a gymnastics exhibition, that rare opportunity for individuals to be recognized within a group effort.

who cover players' salaries as if they were batting a big, nonviolent spectator sport to contain and about to go down the drain?

averages and those who offer up the current owners pacify the European immigrants (hot-stovers argued By 1974, when Hank Aaron, an even more talentthen whether the game was better suited to the temperament of German or English stock); to escape women marching toward the vote, and to whip the white boys into shape for foreign wars and the Industrial Revolution.

There was a little bump when the early pro leagues were run by the players themselves, but the merchants and their politicians soon took control for the best interests.

Obviously, there would be a real conflict if the people who got to play the game actually got to make all the money, too.

If it was the National Pastime, it passed away at least 20 years ago, in 1961, when Whitey Ford broke Babe Ruth's World Series record for pitching 29 consecutive scoreless innings and no one much noticed because they were so busy affixing an asterisk and basketball were enhanced by television, while to Roger Maris's home-run record.

How could Maris, a talented but unanointed player, supplant the Sultan of Swat, the man who

ed yet unanointed player, broke Ruth's career record game hitting streak.

OMEWHERE DURING that period, two great Opposing social forces — the women's movement and the National Football League - appeared, as did the killer word "relevancy" and video

There was only one tent large enough for all that, and so television became the National Pastime. It bound the nation, it passed time.

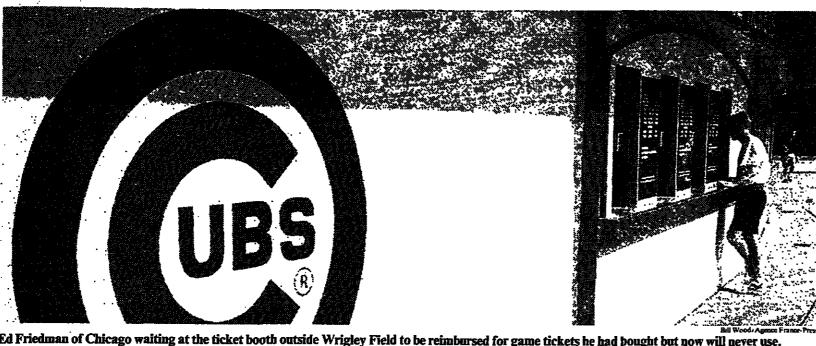
Once television took hold, no single game or diversion — not popular music, fashion, sex or disease - could fully engage or reveal us. Football baseball, sprawling and complex, was diminished. And so we are left with our baseball cards, those

were created to sell eigarettes, and then were used to sell gum, and now they are a low-rent collectible.

Players say they hate to sign eards for kids outside of 714 home runs, the Lost Boys spread the news the ballpark because they never know if the tyke will that the heart of baseball was Joe DiMaggio's 56evil card-pusher waiting around the corner. Of course, players have no problem sitting behind bullet-proof glass at armory shows, signing hundreds of cards for cash without ever looking up. You wanted a metaphor?

Or hope and a hero? Look south to Birmingham and Michael Jordan. The minor leagues, where the stars of tomorrow shine tonight, have become what people think the major leagues once were, accessible, glad, welcoming places where families could ravel the threads of

their lives in the sun. And Jordan, who should be too big, too handsome, too rich, too talented to have summer dreams. turns out to be our surrogate. He's willing to be challenged, to risk, even to fail, because, like his dad, IOUs of the soul-searching major league seasons, he always wanted to play baseball.



Ed Friedman of Chicago waiting at the ticket booth outside Wrigley Field to be reimbursed for game tickets he had bought but now will never use.

The Losses, Big and Small

By Richard Justice

ashington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Major-league baseball affects so many people on so many different levels that it may be impossible to fully calculate the cost of a labor dispute that has wiped out the final 52 days and 669 games of the 1994 regular final 52 days and 669 games of the 1994 regular season, along with the playoffs and World Series. But its impact was being felt in areas large and

Share the control was small even as the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, announced there'd be no more games this year. Among them: $\hat{B} = \hat{B} + \hat{B}$

• Major-league players will lose \$230 million in salaries — an average of almost \$300,000 per player — while owners won't collect around \$600 million in revenues.

• Each major-league city will lose an average of \$1.16 million for each canceled home game, according to a survey by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In addition, approximately 1,200 full-time and part-time employees will lose their jobs at each ballpark. Local businesses are losing \$640,736 per canceled game.

· A broad range of television and radio programming will be affected, from the networks that were planning their World Series coverage to Atlanta superstation WTBS, which features Braves baseball about 180 nights a year. All of

the outlets have scrambled to fill the void. WTBS attempted to substitute the minor league Richmond Braves for the Atlanta Braves. but ratings were so low, the superstation has

switched back to a movie format. Furthermore, without a labor agreement. teams may have a difficult time signing players or selling tickets during the offseason, and every team depends on those winter ticket sales for revenue until the money from in-season commitments starts coming in. Each team will lose an estimated \$5 million in national television reve-

nues because the World Series won't be played. Teams such as the Montreal Expos and Seattle Mariners, which already faced uncertain financial futures, may not survive the strike - at least

without new ownership or moving to new cities. (Jackie and Gene Autry have decided to sell the California Angels once the dispute is re-

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solved, and are asking \$130 million, the Los Angeles Times reported.

("Gene loves baseball, but he's 87, and it's time for him to relinquish total control of the club," Jackie Autry said. However, only 23 percent of the club will be sold while Gene Autry remains alive, his wife said.

("I know I've said repeatedly that the club is not for sale, but it's come to a point where enough is enough," Jackie Autry said. "You can only take so much money out of your own

And even though the players speak confidently of their solidarity, the union has no idea if it will be able to hold itself together if the dispute extends into a significant part of the 1995 season.

And there's the strange case of the New York Yankees' left-hander Jim Abbott. He was likely to be one of the most sought-after free agents this winter, but he now falls a few days short of being eligible for free agency. There's dozens of other players who have clauses requiring their teams to pick up their 1995 options or let them become free agents within five days of the conclusion of the World Series. What World Series?

However, the larger economic numbers, the stories of millions and billions, can obscure the strike's street-level impact.

Several teams, such as the Los Angeles Dodgers, donate leftover concession food to kitchens for the homeless. Many players have charitable contributions tied to their playing performances.

And in Loveland, Colorado, the varsity bas-

ketball team may not get its new uniforms.

Loveland High School is one of hundreds of groups that runs concession stands in big-league ballparks to raise funds for field trips, equipment and other needs.

"We run four concession stands and make about \$1,000 per game," said Gene Alvine, Loveland High's athletics director. "We're going to lose 24 home games, and that's a significant part of our budget. We used it for the band, boys basketball, different groups. It was 40 percent of the boys' basketball budget, and losing the funds is a pretty significant blow. We're looking for other ways to raise funds."

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Bud Selig: "It's important to move ahead quickly."

Extra Innings of Strike Are Bound to Turn Ugly

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In one sense, it was over, the major league baseball owners having called off the rest of the season, sweeping away 89 years of the World Series. But in doing so, they had also sent the game staggering into the great unknown.

The players strike, the eighth work stoppage in 23 seasons, will become the longest shutdown in baseball history, surpassing the 50-day strike in 1981. It was in its 34th day Wednesday when the owners, led by Bud Selig, the acting commissioner. voted by 26 to 2 to cancel the rest of the regularseason schedule, the playoffs and the World Series. The remaining 18 days of the season will automatically extend the stoppage to 52 days.

The strike, however, is expected to endure well beyond that and very likely will get nastier before it gets better.

The elimination of the playoffs, including a new round that for the first time included wildcard teams, and the World Series removes the urgency for the two sides to bargain.

The off-season, starting early this year, does not guarantee that the two sides will reach the new collective bargaining agreement they must have before they begin the 1995 schedule. But there does figure to be a potentially lengthy schedule of legal skirmishes.

"We can't let a lot of time go by," Mr. Selig said at his news conference in Milwaukee. "It's important to move shead as quickly as possible." But the players and owners more likely will prepare for the next rounds of their labor strife

stead of negotiating seriously. The next step for the owners, perhaps before Oct. 15, when players can begin filing for free agency, could be a decision to declare an impasse in negotiations and unilaterally impose their salary cap proposal. It was this issue on which the two a ma no common : ing that it would artificially deflate salaries.

The players will begin preparing a series of charges to file with the National Labor Relations Board. They very likely will include the charge that this is an unfair labor practice strike.

Mr. Selig became acting commissioner two years and one week ago, after the owners forced Fay Vincent to resign as commissioner. The owners were concerned that Mr. Vincent would be too conciliatory toward the players in labor negotiations and did not want him to undermine their bargaining position.

So the prevailing view is that the dispute will

The expected first step, the owners' declaration of impasse and unilateral implementation of new terms and conditions, will not come without legal risk. The union will challenge the owners once they take those steps, and the owners must be ready to support the actions under labor law.

The owners can impose only their last proposal or parts of it; they cannot implement what they have not proposed. They have proposed giving the players 50 percent of their total revenue for salaries and other costs, with \$1 billion guaranteed as long as their revenue does not fall below this year's projected prestrike level of \$1.78 billion.

They also proposed eliminating salary arbitration and reducing eligibility for free agency from six years to four years, though establishing the right-of-first-refusal for players who are free agents after their fourth or fifth year in the major leagues.

The owners need a salary cap to trigger a revenue-sharing plan they adopted in January to help low-revenue clubs.

To defend impasse-implementation, the owners will have to prove, among other things, that they made bargainable proposals under the law and that they engaged in good-faith bargaining

The union, which proposed a tax on payrolis and revenues as a means of revenue sharing between high-revenue and low-revenue clubs, will contend that by sticking to the proposal they did not bargain in good faith.

The days could quickly add up during what always has been referred to as the off-season, but the players and owners still could be immersed in this dispute when the time comes for spring training and even next April 2, when the 1995 season is scheduled to start.

Now that they have no part of the season or the postseason to try to salvage, what incentive do the two sides have to negotiate intensively? In the owners' view at least, they apparently do have a new target date.

Even before Mr. Selig made his decision, but when owners knew it was inevitable, they turned to what they suggested was the next deadline for an agreement - Nov. 1. That date has no legal or labor significance, but suddenly, in the last week, owners began mentioning it.

We have to look at a deadline Nov. 1," Jerry McMorris of the Colorado Rockies said last weekend. "If we don't get it resolved by then, boy, it could be a long hard process to get this thing put together."

John Harrington of the Boston Red Sox talked Tuesday of the importance of reaching an agreement by mid- to late October. Thomas Schieffer, president of the Texas Rangers, said he thought that "sometime around the first of November" the clubs would have to announce a system for

the 1995 season. The clubs are targeting Nov. 1 for two reasons: If they want to declare an impasse in negotiations and unilaterally implement their salary cap system, they would have to do it by then, and it is around that time they have to begin setting into

motion plans for next season. They have to make up their roster; begin to negotiate with and sign players, especially free agents; sell season tickets and thus know which players they to promote to prospective buyers; sell advertising; negotiate, where necessary, new seeking a ceiling on payrolls and the union charg- radio and local television contracts, and make

plans and commitments for spring training.
"How many people do you think will buy season tickets this off-season when they didn't finish this season and don't know if there will be a season next season?" asked a lawyer involved

in major league baseball. "I don't think many people will write out checks for season tickets. The clubs aren't going

to have that money to put in the bank. Players whose contracts or major league ser

vice status do not restrict them to their 1994 teams will be anxious to know where they might be playing next season, if there is a next season. "They'll have a long period without income fol-lowed by a period of not knowing what to expect," one union official acknowledged.

But once Oct. 2, the final day of the scheduled season, arrives, players no longer will be losing their salaries, which they have been losing collectively at the rate of \$4.4 million a day.

One player's agent suggested that the clubs might try to apply pressure by offering more lucrative contracts early in the off-season than they would offer later in exchange for a commitment from the player to report to spring training

if the owners open camps. "It's going to get really ugly," Richard Moss. a veteran representative of players, said.

The clubs have not planned so far ahead that they have decided whether or not they will open spring camps next February. If they have no agreement by then, though, they would be ex-pected to open their camps and see if any players walk in. They could then use those players plus minor league players to try to field teams. Management never has tried to use replace-

ment players during a strike, as the National Football League did in 1987, but next season could be the first time. Mr. Harrington, who has become a spokesman for owners on several fronts, said the other day the possibility would at least have to be considered. "You wouldn't call it major league baseball,"

the Red Sox official said, "but you'd call it professional baseball."

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OBSERVER

Back to the James Gang

By Russell Baker WASHINGTON — Thanks to the baseball strike, Henry James has at last gained purchase on that part of my consciousness — I might almost call it my psyche — which has long enabled me to endure summer's idler hours without suffering a sense of what I might once have

thought of as emptiness. Exposure to the Jamesian sensibility now makes me wince at the realization that I was ever so indifferent to the nuances of daily life as to think myself capable of experiencing a condition so blatant as emptiness, even under a condition as trying as an absence of baseball.

Prior to the vexing situation which resulted in baseball's removal from what a more blunt observer might call my psychic forefront, I had been conscious that a curious sense of vacuity had begun to shape my daily conduct, if not indeed my char-

You might have had difficulty choosing the precise word for this lack which I, for my part, chose to think of as vacuity, though how others might have thought of it I cannot say.

Calling it emptiness would have been misleading, for there was nothing in the least showy or even indelicate about it, as might have been intimated by the pompous reverberant overture and the coarsening ultimate sibilance one cannot avoid hearing in the utterance of a word like emptiness.

Yes, vacuity was what it was, though Fannie, whom I almost surely would have married if Henry James had created me, said she believed it was actually

"My dear Fannie," I felt com-pelled to remonstrate, "there is absolutely nothing utter about me, not even the vacuity."

"Who's this Fannie you're talking to yourself about?" asked my wife.

"It's a baseball expression," I explained. "When a player strikes out, he is said to fan. If he

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fans a lot he is called a fannee." "Do you think all this Henry James is good for you?" she asked. "You seemed healthier when it was baseball all the

Physical hygiene was scarcely at the heart, nor even at the foundation, nor at the root, nor at the very taproot itself, of the condition in which I found myself as a result of the absence of what I am tempted to call professional major league baseball, though a person who delights in cliches might prefer to call, erroneously perhaps, but excusably so, the national pastime.

What I had perceived, you see, was that Henry James was the perfect substitute for baseball, or, more accurately perhaps, what Henry's brother William James might have called "the literary equivalent

This extraordinary insight had come well after a July midnight, or as I thought of it afterward, the pitching hour, in faraway Baltimore My companion and I had for more than four hours watched an encounter between teams managed by Mr. Tony LaRussa and Mr. Johnny Oates.

As the affair advanced into its fifth hour Mr. LaRussa and Mr. Oates brought it to a nearly absolute halt by changing pitchers so frequently that it was clear they desired the game never to end. Neither my companion nor I wished to be the first to say, "Let us admit base-ball is tedious and go home."

That, however, was precisely how I felt. My companion knew I felt it, and I knew he knew I felt it. Mr. LaRussa also knew that I knew my companion knew; moreover, Mr. Oates knew that Mr. LaRussa knew, and what's more Mr. LaRussa knew that Mr. Oates knew Mr. LaRussa knew that my companion knew Mr. Oates knew

New York Times Service

Revisiting the Bad Old Days of Hollywood

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - John Gregory Dunne was upset. The novelist and screenwriter, who lived in Los Angeles and worked in the movie business for 24 years, could not get a lunch reservation the other day at one

of his favorite restaurants, the Ivy.
So he called his agent, Jeff Berg, the
chairman of International Creative Management, a top talent agency here. Dunne promptly got the best table in the house.
"Hollywood!" he laughed after re-

counting the story. He quickly ordered a chicken tostada and glanced around the trendy restaurant. Hollywood is Dunne's theme in his

wickedly funny and sad novel, "Play-land." It is his 10th book and fifth novel, following such books as "True Confessions," and "Dutch Shea Jr.," and the memoir "Harp," as well as a number of screenplays written with his wife, Joan Didion.

"Playland" focuses on the heyday of Hollywood, from the 1930s to the 1950s, a lavish and treacherous world of spoiled stars, thugs, hacks, malevolent studio bosses and producers and agents almost entirely consumed with control and manipulation.

Those were the bad old days, Dunne said.

"At birthday parties for kids, they had elephants and clowns," he said. "On Halloween they would ride up and down in limousines on the streets of Beverly Hills, and the chauffeur would stop and go out and get the candy. The most amazing things."

Is it that much different today? Not really. Dunne recently heard a story about a Hollywood director on a Concorde flight from Paris with his son. "Why are all these people on your plane?" the boy asked.

A bear of a man, friendly, funny and a bit disheveled, Dunne, 61, shrugged off a question about the mixed reviews given to "Playland."
"I once figured out Joan and I have been reviewed 4,000 times between our movies and books," he said. "Re-

views don't bother me.' His research for "Playland" centered on conversations with friends,

who were often sons and daughters of the Hollywood elite 50 years ago. These friends included the late Johanna Mankiewicz Davis, Brooke Hayward, Barbara Warner, George

Stevens Jr., Daniel Selznick and Jean



John Gregory Dunne's novel evokes a lavish and treacherous world.

Stein. Natalie Wood was also a friend is now a photography editor at Elle of his, and he spent time over the years talking to Billy Wilder and Irving La-

zar, the agent. Dunne also studied photography memoirs, including Jean Howard's classic, "Hollywood," as well as private photo albums.

Writing "Playland" was delayed a year because of serious health prob-lems — emergency heart surgery in March 1991 followed that summer by a life-threatening blood infection caused by a mosquito bite. "My daughter was in a play off-Broadway," he said. "I mean it was so off-Broadway, it was in Philadelphia. It was a hot, unair-conditioned theater, and I got bitten in the ankle.' (Dunne's daughter, Quintana Roo, 28,

magazine.)

Exhaustion and depression took their toll after that, But then, structural problems of "Playland," which had igued him before his illness, were suddenly resolved one day. Dunne said he realized that each of the main characters viewed the events in the plot with totally different perspectives and the book was written to reflect these blurred points of view.

The events in "Playland" follow the path of Jack Broderick, a rich man's son and slumming screenwriter, who stumbles across a former child star named Blue Tyler, who is now an alcoholic and living in a trailer park near Detroit. Broderick was also the narrator of Dunne's last novel, "The Red, White and Blue."

Working like a detective, Broderick reconstructs the life of "Baby Blue Tyler, Hollywood's No. 1 cinemoppet" after her volatile affair with a gangster named Jacob King (born Jacob Kinovsky), collisions with a movie mogul named J.F. French (previously Moses Frankel), an innocent flirtation with politics that puts her on the blacklist, and enough sex and booze to fill a couple of other novels.

Dunne has created a mosaic of oldstyle Hollywood, before television, when stars and films seized the fantasies of the nation far more than today. His view of the old Hollywood is scathing, funny and, although Dunne doesn't quite say so, almost reluctantly wistful.

The main characters are an obvious combination of real people. Blue Tyler, Dunne said, is a "monstrous version" of Shirley Temple, with elements of Elizabeth Taylor, Natalie Wood and others.

One thing I remember about Natalie was how astute she was about the business of Hollywood," he said. "She understood money and investment, the way the French bourgeoisie does. And she was a fantastic gossip. She knew everything, where all the bodies were buried, and under how much

In the novel, the moguls are a bit of Harry Cohn, Louis B. Mayer, Jack Warner and Samuel Goldwyn. The gangster is Bugsy Siegel. A talented, if snobbish, gay director seems to resemble George Cukor. One of the funniest portraits in the book, a rabbi to the movie industry, is Edgar Magnin.

Druppe the son of a Hartford sur-

Dunne, the son of a Hartford surgeon, was raised in relative privilege, attending Catholic schools and Princeton. He is the fifth of six children. Old friends call him "Greg," the result of attending schools in Connecticut where many boys were

named John. "We grew up in a community where there was no real assimilation," he said. "When Joan and I got married, we came back to Hartford. My mother had a party for us and we had 125 people. There were 124 Catholics and Joan, who's Episcopalian."

Although Catholicism plays a role in his novels, Dunne said he was not a practicing Catholic. "But on my deathbed. I hope there's a priest nearby to hedge my bet," he said, laughing.

PEOPLE

1957 Lennon Tape Gets £78,500 at an Auction

A recording made by 16-year-old John Lennon was sold at a Sotheby's auction in London Thursday for £78,500 (\$123,000) to EMI Records, which hopes to issue the recording. It was made July 6, 1957, at a church fete in Liverpool by Bob Molyneux, who was at the anction. He used a reci-to-real machine it o capture Lennon singing Elvis Pressey's "Baby, Let's Play House" and the British chiffle some "Puttin" on the ish skiffle song "Puttin' on the Style." The same day, Lennon met chubby-faced, 15-year-old Paul McCartney, who was to join him as a Beatle. Bouo, lead singer of U2, paid £35,600 for a costume worn by Charlie Chap-lin in "The Great Dictator." and the London Hard Rock Cafe paid £18,400 for a Hank Williams guitar and £5,750 for an Eton John costume.

Aitmatov received the Austrian state prize for European mera-ture for "a lifetime's work in breaking down barriers." Cul-ture Minister Rudolf Scholten said in Vienna. Born into a no-madic family, Aitmatov worked the folk tales of his Central Asian homeland into his books. written in both Kyrgyz and Russian. He is widely read in German-speaking Europe.

Sophia Loren, 60 next week, says she has never voted because she is too young. Inside I'm still 12 years olde. I'm younger than my children, she told Corriere della Sera newspaper's Sette magazine.

The Temptations ended up on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, thanks to a chance encounter 30 years ago with the founder of Motown Records. 1 want to thank Berry Gordy for being at the right place at the right time: the men's bathroom in Detroit," founding member Otis Williams said as the group got its star on Hollywood Boulevard. Williams and Melvin Franklin are the two remaining original Temptations.

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